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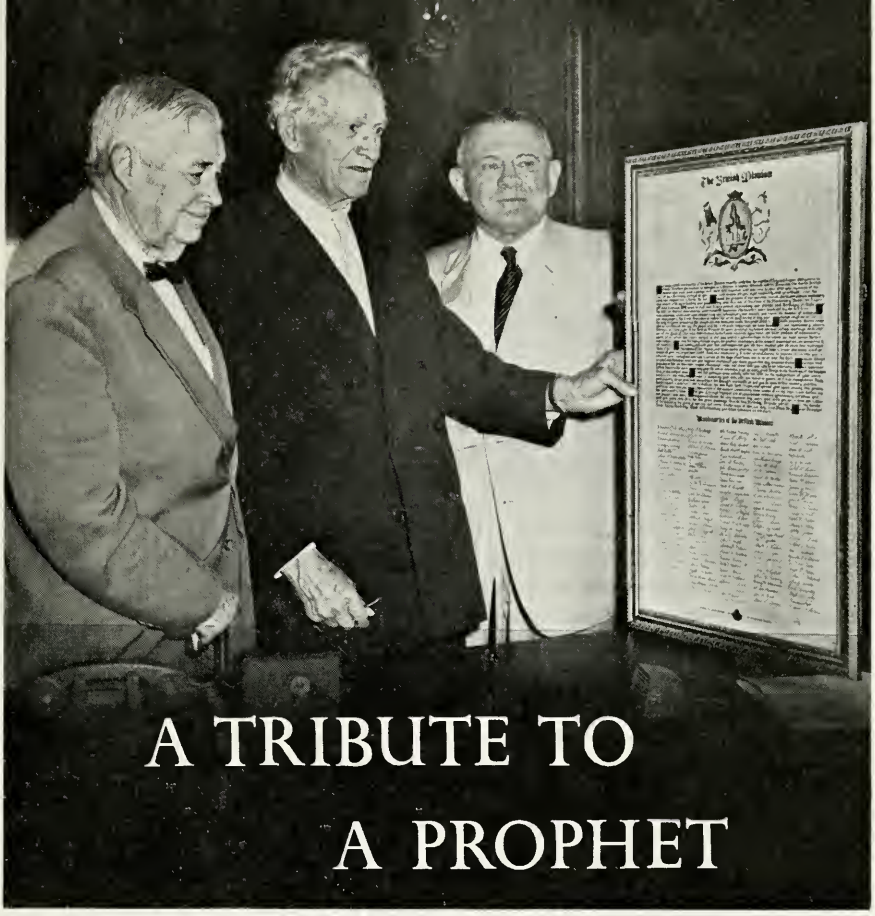

A TRIBUTE TO A PROPHET

THE TEXT OF THE ABOVE-SHOWN TRIBUTE SCROLL—

Dear President McKay :

THE missionaries of the British Missions recently wrote that the months of July and August, 1960 were to be Tribute Months to you, in which we jointly pledged to baptise 1,000 souls into the Kingdom as a Birthday Tribute to you.

We wish to tell you now, in all humility and gratitude, that the Lord has blessed our efforts. He has heard the prayers of our parents, ward, stake, and quorum members, who joined with us in fasting and praying, and that we, at the close of the Missionary Months, have baptised 1,111 souls in that two Month period, exceeding our pledge and Birthday Tribute.

Of this total, the district missionaries contributed 74 baptisms. The balance were baptised by the full-time missionaries, which averages 1.98 baptisms per missionary per month, just twice the number of baptisms per missionary the First Presidency asked for at the beginning of this year.

Volumes could be written on the way the Lord prepared the people, led us to them, and made this great Feat of Faith possible. Books could also be written on the joy, the peace and the complete happiness we have found in our missionary labours. We have set new highs in the British Missions for pure proselyting hours worked, cottage meetings held, copies

of the *Book of Mormon* distributed. In fact, new records have been set in all phases of missionary work; all of which has contributed to our joy and to a satisfaction in the work we have never before experienced.

In this Birthday Tribute to you, the greatest missionary of this present dispensation, we announce it, not boastfully but humbly, and with great love and respect for you. We have studied your life as we have read *Gospel Ideals, The Presidents of the Church,* and other books whereby we might have a truer and more familiar concept of your life as you have lived it. And, to a missionary, it is our inward desire to become more like you, to emulate your contagious example of service all the days of our lives, and to never lose the faith.

Now, our beloved prophet and friend, we wish you your happiest birthday. If you share joy on this day because of what we have tried to do, know that we have been repaid a thousand times and share with you a joy to an intensity we have never before found in the work.

We pray your life will be extended to yet do many great things in the building of the Kingdom. And, as one body of Priesthood and sisters, we pray unitedly with full faith for the restoration of your wife's health, that she may continue to stand by your side, with her hand in yours, as it has always been. And, particularly do we pray that she will have the strength and health, as will you, to come to this country and this people we love in February, 1961 to dedicate the new Hyde Park Chapel, and spread your spirit among this people, and to us, who love you.

In the warmth of this moment, culminating nine weeks of living close to our Father, we feel particularly close to you. Through trying to give to you, we have received generously ourselves and our prayers have been answered almost the very moment they were said. With you we praise our Father and give glory unto Him for His great blessings to us in this Birthday Tribute period.

In the bonds of the Gospel, in the glory of service and in the tenderness of love, we say, God bless you, our prophet dear. Happy birthday.

Most affectionately your fellow labourers in the work.

President McKay's reply

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GRATEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY DAVID O. McKAY

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87th ANNIVERSARY INTERVIEW

A Birthday Interview with the Prophet

by Henry A. Smith

AS he approaches his 87th birthday President David O. McKay considers himself to "be in one of the most wholesome contributive periods of life."

The Church leader, who will reach this milestone in his life on Thursday, September 8, radiated his joy of living and complete interest in life, nature and all things about him, as he granted a pre-birthday interview this week in his office.

The interview was scheduled for 8 a.m. By that hour the President had already put in two and a half hours of work at his desk, signing letters and catching up on some important matters that had been pending.

Early rising has been a habit with him from his early youth as a farm boy in Huntsville, Utah. During the interview his thoughts turned frequently to those youthful days as well as the many happy memories of his association with his Huntsville home during his long life span.

"In childhood and throughout the gay and happy years of youth," President McKay said, "the seventieth and eightieth birthdays seemed far in the future, and unsteady and feeble many who reached that advanced age.

"Today, however, I know that what seemed in youth to be a long journey is very short indeed, and what in anticipation seemed might be a joyless existence is one of the most wholesome, contributive periods of life—full of opportunities for service and resultant satisfaction. Loved ones, loyal friends and precious memories make it so. Faith in a loving Father and confidence in one's friends and associates make life worth living."

Continuing his thought on happiness, President McKay said, "If one would be happy one must feel immortality. Every soul is part of divinity—by that I mean this 'ageing coat,' this body—is mine; this mind with its power to think and to make decisions is also mine. The spirit and soul never grows old. They are a part of divinity."

President McKay said he sensed the truth of this statement when his thoughts were turned to Huntsville. Whenever he visits the old homestead in Ogden Valley he had the same "youthful feelings, the same desires to be active, to mount my favourite horse, Sonny Boy—the same enthusiasm to jump on his back—as when I was young, but the physical body is now too stiff."

Continuing, he said, "That which comes from God is always young—it is as eternal as the Author. That, I believe, is literally true. The sky is just as blue, the moon is just as bright as when I was young. Nature is just full of beauty, if we open our eyes to see it."

At this point, by way of illustrating his thought, President McKay quoted from memory these words of William Wordsworth :

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;
The soul that rises with us Our Life's Star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting
And cometh from afar;
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home.
Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

The beloved Church leader appeared in excellent health and said he "felt very well." The only thing that "provokes me at this advanced age is that I get tired—a little weary." He says he never considers age and never thinks of himself as old. He carries his great responsibility as President of the Church with a great dignity and with a progressive, inspired leadership.

He is ever grateful for the progress of the Church, and makes his plans in keeping with its great growth and development. He is looking forward to participation in the months ahead in two important dedication programmes.

The first will be the East Bay Interstate Centre at Oakland, California, which dedication is set for Sunday, September 25.

The other is the dedication of the beautiful and impressive London, England, chapel, which is now under construction with dedication tentatively set for next February.

President McKay views with great satisfaction the effectiveness of the increased missionary work of the Church —especially in Great Britain and in Europe.

As he spoke of this there was before him on his desk two beautiful cards prepared by the two missions in Great Britain. These cards were signed by the presidencies of the British and North British Missions and by each missionary now serving in the British Isles. The cards were special birthday pledges to President McKay to get 1,000 baptisms in the two missions during the months of July and August.

Continuing his thoughts of appreciation for the progress of the Church, President McKay said also, "The growth in the Pacific—the school in New Zealand at Temple View—just fills one's soul with joy.

"I appreciate very much the attitude of government officials who seem to understand better than heretofore the purposes and ideals of the Church. Their co-operation is most satisfactory."

President McKay added to his birthday message a note of advice to the youth of the Church for whom he also expressed a great love. "I like to see them maintain their youthful happiness, and the best way to do that is to maintain the ideals of the Church. The boys and girls who do this," he said, "not only gain the respect of their companions but of their associates who are non-members of the Church.

"Every girl is happiest who will be true to her future husband. Every boy should treat his girl companion just as he would have any other boy treat his sister."

As President McKay approaches his 87th birthday anniversary he looked back on a busy year since his last such

celebration. Highlights of that year include :

. . . Meeting last October 5 with representatives of the University of Utah and the Sons of Utah Pioneers to present plans for the raising of 250,000 dollars toward erection of the Pioneer Memorial Theatre on the University campus. Then on July 1 he was the principal speaker at ground-breaking ceremonies for the building.

. . . Receiving an honorary life membership to the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce on October 14, as a gesture of " their sincere appreciation for the magnificent service you are rendering not only to the people of the L.D.S. Church but to the people of the nation as a whole."

. . . On November 14, attended the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' second annual "grammy" awards in the TV studio of Los Angeles, where the Tabernacle Choir received an award for its recording of " The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

. . . Addressed 214,000 young people from the Salt Lake Tabernacle, as a feature of the first of the Church's great fireside programmes. His theme was " Courtship and Marriage."

. . . Conducted and gave keynote address to the 130th Annual General Conference of the Church, April 2, 3, 4 and 6.

. . . Addressed BYU devotional on May 18, giving a powerful sermon on " The Two Contending Forces in the World Today."

. . . On June 30 he was elected an honorary member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

. . . Participating with Mrs. McKay, President McKay led the great Pioneer Day parade in Salt Lake City, Monday, July 5, and that evening was given special honour and a gift during the Days of '47 pageant in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

These are but highlights of a very busy and eventful year for the Church leader who became president of the Church in April, 1951. He will soon complete a decade as the Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, now numbering 1,600,000 members. For more than half a century he has been one of the General Authorities, having been ordained an Apostle in April, 1906. He was called into the First Presidency as a counsellor to President Heber J. Grant in October, 1934, and continued as a counsellor to President George Albert Smith from May, 1945, to 1951.

President McKay was born in Huntsville on September 8, 1873.

He was married on January 2, 1901, to Emma Ray Riggs. Last January they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Their life together has been a great example of true companionship founded on inspired Latter-day Saint ideals. She has been at his side during his extensive travels and many public and official appearances in all parts of the world during his decade of presidency, serving as an inspiration, not only to her husband, but to Latter-day Saints everywhere.

UPON MEETING A PROPHET OF GOD

A first impression of David O. McKay

by Pamela Johnson

THE first good Mormon I ever met was President David O. McKay. The only other Latter-day Saint I had ever met previously had, although he did not live the gospel himself, given me the desire to find out a little more about the Church, so I found in a directory when and where I could attend a Sunday evening service. Having taken this step it was quite another thing persuading myself not to put off going, especially as I was spending most of my free time in the public library reading articles about the Church which were very uncomplimentary.

However, by the following Sunday I was quite determined to go to Church that evening and nothing would stop me.

I misjudged the time it would take me to get to the chapel and arrived far too early, and as I walked up and down the road, the blustery wind blowing the sleet into my face, my courage left me. I paced backwards and forwards trying to decide whether to return home or to go into the chapel, and as the minutes passed I felt frozen and utterly miserable.

At 6.25 I was standing outside the door, still undecided and unable to muster sufficient courage to walk in when several cars drew up and I was swept into the building with a crowd of people.

My first impression was of warmth and bright lights. The soft murmur of subdued conversation told of a feeling of anticipation. It was obvious that the people in this crowded room were waiting for something extra special.

I managed to find a seat near the back of the room, and had barely taken my place when all conversation ceased suddenly as if a radio had been switched off, and the congregation rose and stood in respectful silence. The people whom I had met at the door now entered the room. The small procession was headed by three people, a dark-haired man of medium build, an elderly lady with a warm, kindly face, and a man who appeared to tower over every one else. His erect figure, beautiful silver hair and expression of tranquility, combined with a natural dignity, set him apart from all others. Such was my first impression of President McKay, who was visiting England together with Sister McKay and President Henry D. Moyle. The testimony meeting which followed meant little to me. My eyes were intent searching the face of this man who, without having said a word, dominated the meeting. Eventually Sister McKay rose to speak. Her first words were, " I know that my husband is a prophet of God." What else she said meant nothing to me after the impact of this sentence. How could she know her husband was a prophet, I thought? How could she say so with such conviction, a conviction so strong as to make me have no doubt that what she said was true?

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as a young missionary

at the time of his call to be an apostle

President David O. McKay

today

with his dear wife at their Golden Wedding in 1951

with his lovely fiancée shortly before his marriage

A Modern Prophet Speaks

Two Articles by President David O. McKay

David O. McKay, the man who stands today as the Prophet of the living God and the head of His only true Church, is truly a great man. To honour his greatness the British and North British Missions in July and August presented him on his birthday a tribute of 1,111 *convert baptisms. With a desire to further honour him in these pages, and realising that performance is the only measure of greatness, we take pleasure in here printing two articles written by President McKay showing the monumental stature of this man of God. The first is a reprint from the June* 28, 1923, *edition of the* Millennial Star, *of which he was the editor, and the second article published in the June,* 1960, *edition of the* Improvement Era.

The Greatest Event of the 19th Century

NEARNESS to an event tends to minimise its full significance and importance. Though the world is still near the great events that made the 19th an epoch-making century, yet so far-reaching and significant were the wonderful discoveries and inventions of the latter half of that century that they overwhelm us even in their nearness.

In this first quarter of the 20th century we are looking at these momentous realities only as an observer, who, standing at the foot of a high mountain, sees it only in part. Its majestic slopes, towering peaks, and relative position to surrounding ranges are hidden from view. Yet even our limited vision fills us with astonishment. What mighty things have been accomplished! What mightier possibilities of the future ! Who, for example, can measure the material benefits to society of the steam engine, the cotton gin, the automobile, the telegraph, the telephone; or who can even imagine the ultimate effect upon the human race of William Harvey's discovery, or that of Louis Pasteur ! Space prevents even the mentioning of other events of equal significance and far-reaching benefits.

But none of them have answered man's greatest need and man's most yearning desire. Not one has yet revealed that for which man has sought for ages. That need—that ever-present yearning in man's heart—is to know God and man's relation to Him. The microscope has not revealed Him; the telescope has not discovered Him; even radio has not yet penetrated His abiding place;—only one event of the nineteenth century claims to give to the human soul this answer. If in that event man finds the truth for which the human race has ever sought, then it truly merits the distinguishing tribute of the greatest event of the nineteenth century !

That event was the appearing of two Heavenly Beings to the boy prophet Joseph Smith, revealing the personal identity respectively of God the Eternal Father and of His Son Jesus Christ. It happened in the spring of 1820, and is told in a simplicity that bears the marks of sincerity as follows:

" When the light rested upon me, I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above

me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other, 'This is my beloved Son, hear Him!'"

When the boy Joseph told what he had seen people would not believe him, but ridiculed and persecuted him. In answer to all opposition, he later solemnly declared,

"I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of that light I saw two personages, and they did in reality speak to me; and though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true. . . . I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dare I do it."

Such testimony, if unsupported, might not merit acceptance. Its purport is fraught with such mighty significance to mankind that the human mind cannot at first believe such an appearance possible. But the prophet's testimony is supported by intelligent witnesses whose evidence has never been refuted. The Church itself, the tangible result of that great revelation, stands as corroborative if not direct evidence of divine inspiration.

The lives of the prophet, of his brother Hyrum, the Patriarch, and of hundreds of thousands of others who accepted the truth of the great revelation bear evidence that the Plan of Salvation, as, it is purported, Jesus Christ revealed it, most assuredly leads towards Christ-like character. So real was the revelation to the prophet and patriarch that they unflinchingly sealed their testimony with their blood.

That testimony was sealed in martyrdom only 79 years ago yesterday, June 27, 1844, so the world is still standing too close to the event to comprehend its significance; but as a contributive factor to man's knowledge of his relationship to Deity and of his place in the universe, as a means of establishing proper relationship between men as individuals and groups of men as nations, as a revelation pointing the way to man's happiness and peace on earth as well as in the eternities to come, the appearing of the Father and the Son to Joseph Smith, and the subsequent restoration of the Priesthood and the establishing of the Church of Jesus Christ in its fullness, will yet be recognised not only as the greatest event of the 19th century, but as one of the greatest of all the ages.

To Be So Anchored

Years ago the good ship *Marama* had anchored off the island of Rarotonga, and the passengers who desired to go ashore had to sail in small boats to the landing. When asked why he didn't run his vessel nearer the shore, Captain Aldwell replied by pointing to huge steel ribs lying wave-beaten on the reef, grim and solemn reminders of the result of going too near the submerged coral in a treacherous harbour! A few years previously the captain of that wrecked vessel had anchored, and undoubtedly in ordinary circumstances all would have been safe and well; but in the sudden storm that arose he had been unable to get his ship to sea, and in spite of strenuous efforts he had seen his beloved ship dashed upon the rocks. But the commander of the *Marama* had not only anchored, but had anchored in safety.

It is glorious when one's soul is so anchored, for then it is anchored in truth. When this is the case, life is truly a joy. Notwithstanding the trials and difficulties incident to everyday life, such a one finds a solace entirely

unknown to the one who is drifting. Storms of passion and tempests of doubt may wreck the drifter on the rocks of despair, but they spend their fury in vain upon the man or woman of faith.

Faith is the great need of the world today, faith that there is a God in heaven, who is real, not just a force, but a Father who hears prayers and answers them, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Faith in God cannot, of course, be other than personal. It must be yours; it must be mine; and, to be effective, must spring from the mind and heart.

To be anchored in faith is the sincere desire of every honest person; but the great question *How?* is always clamouring for an answer. Fortunately, an answer has been given in sacred literature. Ether, in the *Book of Mormon,* proclaimed:

"*. . . whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, . . . which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.*" (Ether 12: 4).

This being true, surely we have found the answer to the longing of the heart; for to sense nearness to God, to have an unwavering confidence in Him as our Father, and to know that He has a divine plan of salvation for His children, is to have the surest, safest anchor known to humanity.

But note that the Prophet Ether said: ". . . whoso *believeth* in God . . . " There is a difference between *believing* and *believing in.* As I once wrote in a lesson manual that was used by the elders of the Church: We may believe what a person says without believing in him. If we believe in a person, we imply that we admire that person's character, and desire to emulate his worthy example. We naturally make a part of ourselves the virtues we see in our ideal.

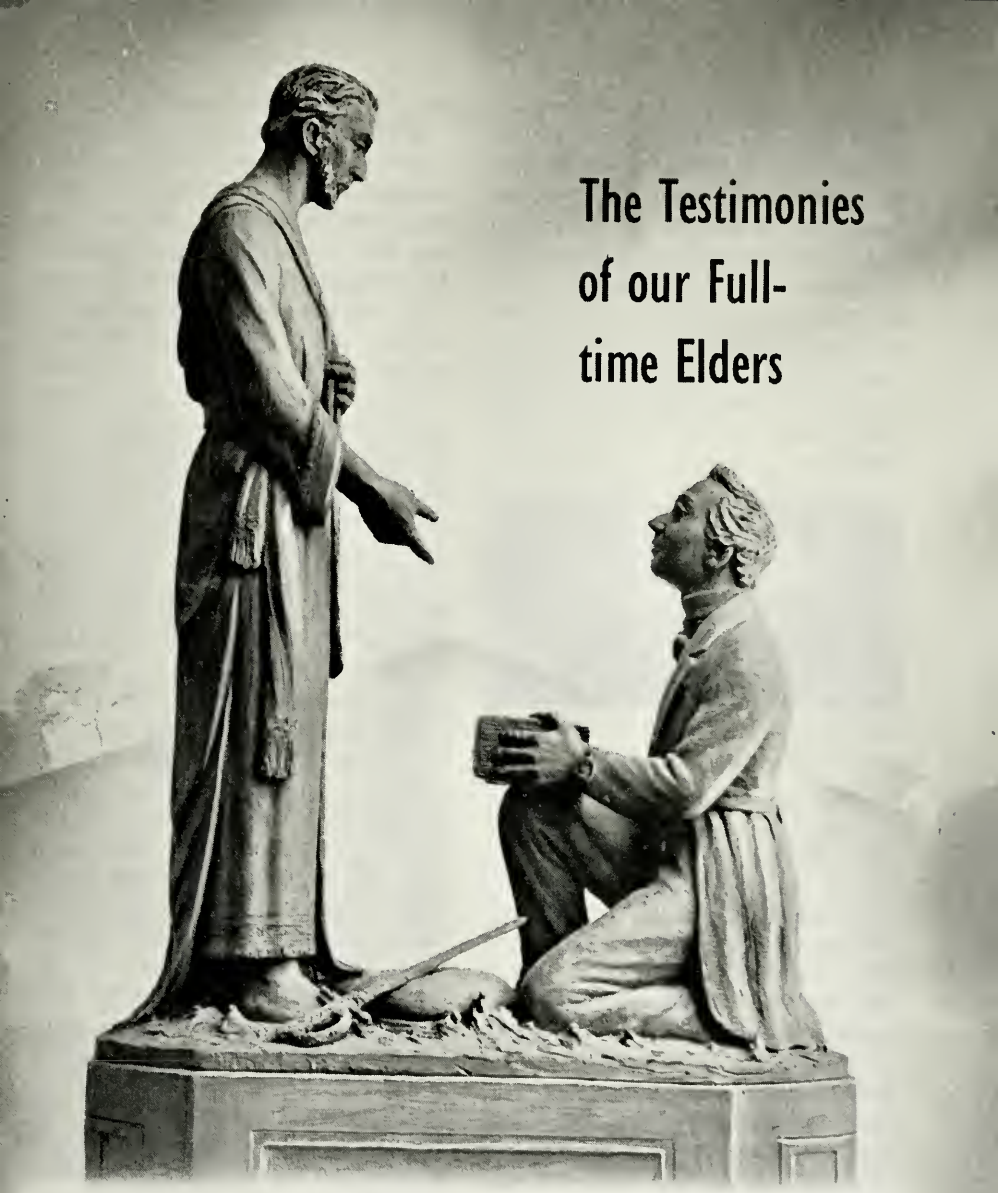
Now, with this thought in view, let us ask ourselves in deep earnestness if we really and truly *believe in* Jesus Christ. If we do, we surely cannot help expressing that belief in a constant desire to emulate the Saviour's manhood; to cultivate his gentleness; to partake of his purity; to practise his forgiveness; to make his sinless, perfect life our constant guiding star, our one hope and aspiration.

Faith in God—faith in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world; faith in his gospel as a guide through life; a faith that springs from the heart and is therefore genuine; a faith that moves to noble and Godlike action—such a faith is an anchor to the soul, immovable—infinite!

Such is the faith that inspired the apostles of the Lord. Such, the faith that gave strength and peace even in martyrdom to the despised and persecuted early Christians! Such is the faith that opened the heavens to the Boy-Prophet Joseph Smith. Such is the faith that is the uplifting power among the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints today!

All who have such faith, though they may be tossed about in a tempestuous world, have nevertheless the safest and most steadfast anchor of the soul. Pray for it; strive for it; there is no salvation without it.

Every man will do well to pray with Emerson: "Oh, God, make me willing to be willing to do thy will." The responsibility, therefore, of making the world better belongs to you, and to you, and to millions of others professing his name.



The Testimonies of our Full-time Elders

Elder David Barnes
Elder Michael Bridge

We wish to express our humble thanks for being able to be a part of the work of our Father in heaven in this beautiful country of England. The short time that we have been here has been made more pleasant and gratifying through the association we have had with you fine people. We are eternally thankful and indebted to you for it.

Here in the British Mission we know the feeling of obtaining blessings of the Lord beyond our abilities to receive. There are several wonderful experiences that have come into our lives recently that we wish to share with the world.

We had been praying to our Father in heaven to lead us to those who were

seeking and praying for the truth to come into their lives. On one particular day the reception had been low, and we began discussing the tools that Satan uses to prevent the truth from taking hold. At the top of the list we had the discouragement that the devil trys to place into the hearts and minds of those bearing the message of truth from God. We realise that when Satan does this or anything else he has a reason for it. We found out this reason.

Elders David Barnes and Michael Bridge

Upon making a special endeavour for enthusiasm and keeping the spirit of discouragement free from our minds, we came to the home of a sweet lady who within a week became a sister in the Doncaster Branch. When the little lady came to the door and we told her who we were, she beamed all over and held out her hand to take us right in. She expressed how she had been praying for the truth to come for years, and when she closed with prayer she thanked the Lord for sending "His representatives" to her.

We were able to give her several lessons at a time, during which she developed and shared her testimony with us. She told us the only regret she had was that the Church had not come into her life sooner, and she testified that the happiest day of her life was the day she was baptised. This sweet woman had worked in the same place that a member of the Church was working, and she was exceedingly impressed with the high standards the member lived by. We were sorry that we had not met this new sister sooner through a referral. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the eyes of the world are upon us. We pray that we will always have a full understanding of this and that none of us will ever let anyone miss the joy of the gospel which this sister was missing in her life until recently. We know now more than ever that discouragement is a major tool of the devil, and that if it had taken hold on us at that moment she may have had to wait even longer for this everlasting happiness.

As a great trapeze artist once said, "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow." In every field of labour those who put their heart into the work are the happiest. Unless we really love the Lord's work, get a kick out of it, and are eager to get started early in the morning, we will never be much of a delegate for our God. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the gospel of love. These have been sincerely the happiest and most rewarding days of our lives. Oh, how wonderful it is to share the truth, to teach people to pray, and to bear testimony to the divinity of the *Book of Mormon* and that Joseph Smith is a prophet. We love to share our testimony that Jesus Christ lives and that He has restored His true Church back to the earth. This gospel is our most priceless possession. There is a wonderful satisfaction in the missionary work that we have gained by putting our heart and soul into the work that our Father in heaven has called us to do.

Elder Paul Thompson
Elder David Gilchrist

It's wonderful! That is the way we feel about missionary work. What a privilege it is for us to be here at a time when the work is progressing so rapidly. What an opportunity it is for us to be in the land where the first real missionary work began in this dispensation.

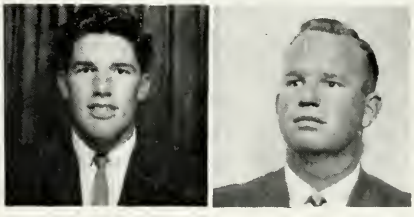
The Lord has poured out His spirit upon our work in abundance, and the branch here in Bath has grown considerably in the past month. It is a most gratifying experience to see the change that takes place in a person's life when he accepts the gospel and applies its principles in his life. We have both seen people's lives changed from lives of idle uselessness and apathy to lives of well directed service and devotion.

We recently baptised a lady who, prior to our visits, was a very nervous individual. In fact she had had a nervous breakdown and had been under a doctor's care for the past three years. She was so nervous that it was difficult to teach her for the first few lessons. But as she prayed and gained a testimony of the gospel, she became much more teachable and gained much self-confidence. Now that she has been baptised and has received the Gift of the Holy Ghost, she has a peace and security in her life that was totally lacking before. This is the influence of the gospel. What a wonderful force for good!

In our work together, we have been brought to a very sharp realisation that without the Spirit of the Lord with us and with our contacts, we cannot expect to accomplish much. During the month of May, we taught a lady who was very interested in the gospel, and especially in the *Book of Mormon*. She accepted everything until she read about the Word of Wisdom. Then she began to balk. When we gave the Restoration Lesson, she believed that the gospel had been restored, but she did not accept the challenge. She just could not see any reason to give up smoking and drinking tea. We decided to give her a First Principles Lesson just on the chance that it might prick her conscience. At the time it did not seem to have much effect upon her conscience, because she fought us tooth and nail on nearly every point, especially on the Word of Wisdom. At that point, we decided that there was nothing we could do with her, so we asked her to read the Word of Wisdom leaflet and pray about it. We asked her to close the meeting with prayer, but she refused, and so Elder Thompson did it. In his prayer he asked the Lord to humble this lady so that she would pray and be able to see the importance of the Word of Wisdom. After the prayer we half-heartedly invited her to come to church, and then we went on our way.

To our surprise, she came to church that Sunday. The first thing she said was that she had not smoked for two days, and that tea would be easy for her to give up. She had prayed about

Elders Paul Thompson and David Gilchrist



the Word of Wisdom, and the answer she received brought about a complete change. From that point she was easy to teach, and it was a wonderful experience to see her baptised a few days later.

It is amazing the way the spirit works upon people. This little experience just emphasises the fact that our Heavenly Father does the converting, and not us. Without His help we are labouring in vain.

Sister Astrid Nielssen
Sister Margaret Corcoran

We have been blessed beyond measure since we have been here in Eastwood. The travelling elders visited us one Sunday morning and fired us with the spirit of their enthusiasm, marking the beginning of a wonderfully inspirational week for us. We had a desire in our hearts to see souls come into the Church, and we prayed to the Lord to guide us to these souls. How can we express our gratitude to the Lord for answering our prayers almost as soon as they were uttered. Each day for a glorious week we went out and found someone who was waiting for the gospel. We had the joy and privilege of seeing seven wonderful people baptised into the Kingdom of God. This inspirational experience is a testimony to us to the power of prayer and fasting.

One lovely young woman had been attending church for years, but had never been baptised due to a fear of water. As a district we fasted and prayed for the Lord to give her the strength and courage to take that vital step in her progession. We knew that the Lord would give her the strength she needed, and we had the thrill of seeing her go fearlessly into the waters of baptism, and of seeing the joy that this brought to her.

We were teaching another sweet lady during this week who desired with all her heart to be baptised, but her husband was not in agreement with

Sisters Astrid Nielssen and Margaret Corcoran

the idea. Our supervising elder, Elder Day, and his companion, along with this dear sister and my companion and I, knelt together in a back room of the Eastwood Chapel in a prayer circle to ask the Lord to soften her husband's heart. We also asked whether the baptism should be performed that night or the following week. We received an assurance from the Lord that we should wait, and the following weekend she was baptised with the consent of her husband. Her husband is also now being taught the gospel, and is most interested.

Three sweet girls were also baptised whose mother had been inactive for years, and as a result of their baptism she is now full of enthusiasm again and attends church meetings regularly. She sets a wonderful example to her children and to her husband, who is now becoming interested in the gospel. How wonderful it is to see parents who recognise their responsibilities towards their children and set them the example they need in the home

How grateful we are for the unity and love we feel as companions, and for the combined prayers of the whole district in making these baptisms possible. And we are thankful for the wonderful referral programme, because all of these wonderful baptisms came through the use of this programme.

Elder Jerold Frame
Elder Bruce Bowen

About three weeks ago, after the baptism of a great young family, we asked them if they could refer us to some of their friends that were of the same high calibre as themselves so that we could give them a chance to hear the gospel. This young couple could only think of one person, a young lady friend of the wife, so they arranged to bring her to church and introduce us.

Their friend really enjoyed the service, and during the next two weeks she was taught the gospel and was baptised. During the upper lessons her younger sister came to her apartment to visit her, and, upon hearing the discussion, seemed quite interested. We asked the new member if she would make arrangements with her sister for us to teach her the gospel. She was so spiritual that we gave her two lessons at a time, and she was baptised in a week and a half after meeting her. Once again our Father in heaven blessed us, because during the Plan of Salvation discussion one of her friends came up to the house and listened to the end of the lesson. Upon finding out that her friend was being baptised, she asked if it would be alright if she came to the baptism. Of course we told her she would be most welcome.

She came to the baptism, then to a social at the branch afterwards, and to church the next day. After Sunday School she asked us to give her some leaflets to read, and also asked us to teach her parents and herself the gospel. Last night we met her mother, an older lady, who said she enjoyed the discussion very much. At the conclusion of the lesson the daughter jumped up and said, "When can I be baptised?" As soon as we can give her the lessons she will be baptised into the Church.

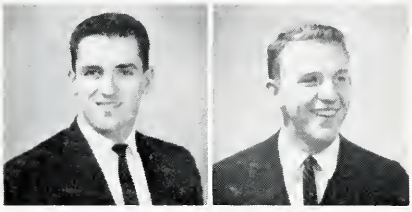
All of these wonderful experiences and wonderful people came through one referral, so we have a strong conviction of the referral system and know that it has truly been sent to us by our Father in heaven.

We have been calling on the inactive members and asking them to give us the names of their friends and relatives so that we can teach them the gospel. Last week we were looking over a long list of the members wondering who to call on. We both felt like we should call on one particular family even though neither of us knew them. When the wife answered the door, she welcomed us in and was very glad to see us. She went on to tell us that she had been having trouble with the principles, and that she had prayed that morning that she might receive some help to overcome smoking. We arrived just as she had about given in. In fact she had picked up the cigarette on the way to answering the door. She knew that her prayers had been answered and so did we. We have had many other similar experiences and our testimony of prayers has greatly been strengthened as we know that both our own and the people we have met with have had answers to prayers.

We also baptised another young couple last week after we had only met with them for two weeks. We had not asked them for referrals then, but during the discussion after they had accepted the challenge, he said, "Excuse me elder, but I wondered if after we become well established in the Church if you would mind visiting my family and my wife's family, and telling them about the Church." Needless to say we were overjoyed at this request, and because we had never mentioned referrals to them before that time we knew that our prayers to be guided to good people had been answered in a wonderful way.

We are grateful for the wonderful privilege of working among the missionaries and people of the Scottish District. The unity and love of this district is truly great. We are very thankful that we have had the opportunity to come in this time when there is a quickening of all things, and being able to share this wonderful gospel with the people, for we know that it is truly our Father in heaven's work in which we are engaged.

Elders Jerold Frame and Bruce Bowen



Elder Michael H. Stevens
Elder J. Gordon Johnson

The Lord moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. This has been vividly impressed upon our minds because of an incident which happened in the month of May.

We had been praying for baptisms, but had no immediate prospects in sight. On one particular day it was quite cold and cloudy, and rain looked imminent. As we sat down to eat our lunch, a lady suddenly walked up to us and asked if we would like to come to her home to eat our lunch out of the rain.

At first we were a bit hesitant, but upon her second query, we went with her because we felt compelled to do so. On the way over to her home, she asked what we were doing, and we told her about ourselves. She mentioned that she had been searching for the true religion, but had been confused. At this point we felt that perhaps this was more than just a coincidence, that the Lord had directed her to us.

After lunch we were telling her more about the Church when she mentioned that all the Mormons she had seen had been wearing big black hats and had long hair. We gave her the Appointment Discussion, and assured her that the Lord would answer her prayers. She remarked that it was strange, but she had been praying for something or someone to come to help her control her temper, which at times got the best of her. She had even seen a doctor about it. We got there just in time it seemed, and we immediately made an appointment to return the next night.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Young accepted the Godhead Lesson. On the *Book of Mormon* Lesson Mrs. Young thought it was so easy to believe that there had to be a catch somewhere. We assured her that there was no catch, but that the truth was simple and easy

Elders Michael Stevens and Gordon Johnson

to understand. Mr. Young, however, was a little hesitant about accepting the fact that revelation was given to Joseph Smith, and would not pray about it because he felt praying to be childish.

When we came a few days later to give the Apostasy Lesson, Mrs. Young said that she had received an affirmative answer to the truthfulness of our message. We found that she had also given up smoking and drinking tea right after the *Book of Mormon* Lesson. She did not know anything about the Word of Wisdom, but because she noticed that we did not drink coffee or tea or smoke, she wanted to follow our example and way of life. We challenged her and set her baptism two days away. Mrs. Young said she did not like calling tithing and the Word of Wisdom commandments, so we started calling them privileges. She thought they were too easy, and asked if that was all she had to do to become a Mormon.

When Mr. Young saw Sister Young baptised, he also decided to prepare himself, and told us that he too wanted to be a member. He gave up smoking and tea overnight—both of which he was heavily addicted to—and as he started to pray he gained more faith in one week than most do in several months. He did not know how he would pay his tithing, but he knew that the Lord would open up a way. Because of the Youngs, many avenues opened to us.

We feel it a distinct privilege to be numbered among the missionaries in the British Mission. We honour the great heritage of leaders that have laid the stepping stones for our success. We can see how the Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon this land, and we are grateful to be a part of the progress that is being made. We agree with King Benjamin, who said, "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God." How great it is to be in the service of both God and man.

Elder Larry Hutchings
Elder Richard Mavin

Success in missionary endeavours is often hard to measure right at the time, but when we look back over the past the accumulative result of applied labours comes into our vision. We begin to see success which was unheard of a few months ago.

For some time Wales has been comparatively low in the Mission, but now there is a change taking place. We are beginning to experience growth that has never been known here in modern missionary work. Branches are beginning to grow, to become strong and solidified. The

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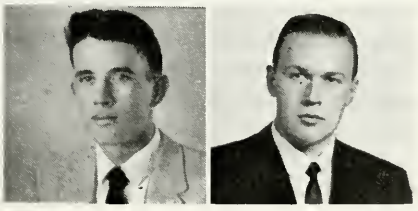

people are beginning not only to accept the gospel, but to live it. They are beginning to realise its importance in building and preparing them as they travel this part of the road to progression.

Tremendous strides of advancement are now taking place. During the past four months our particular branch has grown by one half. Non-member children of the Primary and MIA have been fruitful resources for baptisms, our most recent one being a young boy who became acquainted with the Church through the Primary organisation.

While teaching another of our new converts the beautiful account of the restoration, a close friend of hers who was home on leave from the navy was sitting in on the lesson. He was very interested in what we were saying, and paid close attention. We challenged the young lady for baptism, and upon her acceptance he asked if he also could be baptised. The Holy Ghost had testified to his spirit that it was true, and that it was the good and right thing to do.

Such goes our story of success; here a little, there a little, until finally we have a growing branch, unified and serving God.

If someone were to approach either or both of us today or several years from now and confront us with the question, "What has given you the greatest joy in your life?" I am sure we would reply in unity, "To be found in the service of our Heavenly Father." Yes, true joy comes in the work of Jesus Christ, but yet we are sure that many people would be amazed at two relatively young men making such an emphatic statement.

To us as missionaries, the very essence, indeed, the very meaning, of life and existence can be found in our privilege to serve our God and further His glorious work here on earth.

Before we departed from our homes for the mission field we lived as so many members of the Church live, often taking for granted the opportunities that membership in the Church of Jesus Christ affords us. But here in the mission field one learns fast where real and everlasting help comes from, and he grows to depend unquestionably on inspiration and enlightenment from God. No one

Elders Richard Madsen and Sterling Slack

stops to count how many times a day missionaries repeat these few simple, yet powerful words, "Father, please help us . . ." If being close to God can be measured in such earthly terms as joy, happiness, contentment, etc., then surely we should be the most happy, joyful, contented people on God's earth.

We realise our responsibility of testifying of the Saviour to those whom we meet and helping to build within them a burning testimony of this gospel. With the tremendous success of seeing individuals enter into and grow in the gospel, we are inspired to greater heights as we build in the future, not on the faith that it might be done and that there might be people here to baptise, but on the knowledge that it is being done and that there are people here to baptise.

Elder Richard Madsen
Elder Sterling Slack

South London District needed a boost, so a missionary meeting was called on the last Monday in May. Our district needed more baptisms than any other to reach our two month goal – with five days left we were 11 baptisms short. Elder Wilkinson made no more of a plea to us than merely to live our missionary life day by day as we are expected – to work with diligence and base our dependence upon the Lord's understanding.

South London did not have even one active investigator as of May 23, and we hoped that we would not have any holding over after May 28, but rather that we should have 11 baptisms by that time. Each team vowed they would share in the responsibility. We in Brighton suggested that we might have five baptisms. Elder Wilkinson did not let our suggestion go by unnoticed, and soon we were indebted to the Lord to add one soul a day to His kingdom. We surely felt that if we were to meet this challenge we would have to overcome our inaptitudes and put our trust in the Lord.

After holding a district fast on Tuesday, President Pulsipher and Elder Sheffield joined with us to find our baptisms. Wednesday morning we went to the chapel in Brighton and filled the font. We had no committed baptisms yet, but we knew there would be and that the water would be ready by 8 p.m.

Elder Slack and I gave a Restoration Lesson later that morning to Mr. Hudson, the father of Brighton's Relief Society president. He accepted and said that he would make it at 8 p.m. We then asked Sister Hendon, to her astonishment, if she would like to attend the baptismal service of the referral she had given us three weeks previously. What happiness! Her prayers had been answered after a year.

About 2 p.m. we decided that we needed a car to visit our contacts. The Lord had blessed us in the morning, but time was running out and we needed a car to keep up with His blessings.

What a hectic day! A day full of anxiety, mixed with disappointment and gladness, culminating in a peaceful satisfaction knowing that the Lord had borne witness with our witness that the gospel was true. At 8 p.m. six people had accepted the gospel and were baptised, one more than we had anticipated.

The last person to be baptised was a 12-year-old boy. Earlier in the day we were disappointed because we learned of a skin disease that he had on his foot which had resulted in the doctor telling him not to go in any water for six weeks. The last time the boy had trouble with this infection it had to be burned out. However, that night David asked his father if he could be baptised. His father consented, so we arranged to baptise him last and drain the water immediately after the service.

Friday we visited David's home and asked him how his foot was coming along. He said, "Oh, it's better; the infection is all gone."

We are surely fortunate to have a loving Father in heaven. He did hear

and He did answer our prayers. Our testimony has certainly been enlarged; our faith strengthened; and our love for the work has greatly increased. To some extent we might have caught the vision of President Wilford Woodruff's words, "The events of the one thousand years past pale into insignificance compared with the work of the present time."

Elder Kneeshaw
Elder Burdett

Both of us were privileged to come directly to Ireland as we began our missions. This is a real blessing because Ireland is one of the choicest places in the Mission. Since we have come here we have become aware that in the minds of some of the elders and some of the saints in England, Ireland is thought to be difficult; both as a place to labour and as a place to live.

We are happy to have this opportunity to express our feelings about the work here in Ireland and to declare that the work here is wonderful. Our problems are no more difficult than those in England. They are simply of a different nature.

The Irish people are marvellous. They are kind, generous and loving. It is a joy to work with them, because they make fine members of the Church.

The greatest joy that can come to a missionary is the joy of having a person to whom he has taught the gospel enter the waters of baptism and begin a new life of progression in the Church. Let us tell you about one fine spirit who has embraced the gospel here in Dublin.

The Tueller family told us that they had met a young lady who is engaged to George Watson, a young Dubliner, studying in London. Brother Watson recently joined the Church in Canada.

The young lady's name was Chloe Kilroy, and she was interested. We were both struck with the feeling that she would join the Church. It seemed like the type of thing we needed to show the members in Dublin that the referral programme would work here as well as anywhere else.

In our first meeting with Miss Kilroy we presented the Appointment Discussion, Godhead Lesson, and *Book of Mormon* Lesson. By the second meeting she was praying as if she had been in the Church all her life. In three meetings she was ready for the challenge of baptism, which she accepted eagerly.

The Word of Wisdom proved to be of little difficulty as she had given up tea when she found that George had given it up. The use of tobacco was to be the most difficult part of the Word of Wisdom for her to live, but when we challenged her to live the Word of Wisdom, we discovered she had stopped smoking the day she had accepted the challenge of baptism.

We had set her baptism for May 22. She was naturally hoping that her

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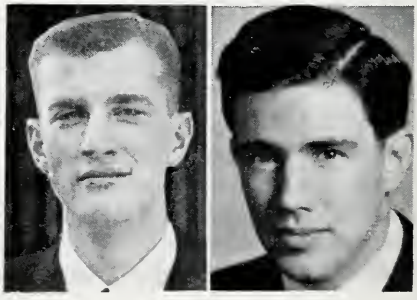

fiancé would come over for the baptism. He was not planning to come home until Whitsuntide week-end, and she was not sure whether he could arrange things to be here or not as he had lectures scheduled. We found this out on a Monday evening. He was to telephone Wednesday night and give her his answer, so we hurriedly wrote a letter to him stressing the importance of her being baptised the coming Sunday. We received his reply three days before the baptism: "You can be sure that I will be there on Sunday even if I have to walk across England and swim the Irish Sea."

He did not have to swim, but he was there for the baptism. It was wonderful to see the fine spirit this couple had, and to see the hand of the Lord manifest in the work.

We feel confident that the work will progress in Dublin, and in all of Ireland. We feel that we are on the threshold of Ireland's New Era. In a missionary meeting held in conjunction with the Irish District Conference, we as a district pledged to make the district goal. President Woodbury, who was present, promised us that if we simply did our part, we would achieve that goal. Keep your eye on Ireland.

Elder Longbotham
Elder Cahoon

Mr. Stokes first met the Church at the age of ten. He was living in the town of Hucknall, and the occasion was when his uncle removed a wall in the upstairs of his home so that the Mormons could hold their meetings there. Mr. Stokes at this time never became too interested in the Church, but many years later, when he was grown up and married, he had cause to become acquainted with the Mormons again. Well acquainted in fact, for in 1933 two Mormon elders came to live in his home, and the Stokes home became the residence of missionaries off and on until a year or two ago when it became too much work for Mrs. Stokes. Even then, though, the missionaries continued to go there for evening meals.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes grew to love the gospel from the many long, happy hours they spent with the missionaries. The Stokes even became active in the branch, and for many years Mr. Stokes played the piano in church. On occasion they followed the elders to street meetings in the market and in Slab Square in Nottingham. Mr. Stokes desired baptism after a while, but the elder who was to do it returned home without having baptised him.

The years rolled past and many and varied are the stories the Stokes can tell of Mormons living with them. They remember that before the days of buses the elders used to walk from Nottingham to Hucknall. They remember the time the local people tried to mob the elders and stone them. They reminisce about the mission presidents they have known and met—President Boyer and his wife Sister Boyer are old favourites of theirs.

The years drifted past. Mr. Stokes continued to be active, but no longer did he express a wish to be baptised right away. He would say that he would be done in due time. Then about 12 years ago Mrs. Stokes and one of her nieces were baptised. Mr. Stokes

had only one vice to overcome, and that was tea. He had never smoked nor drunk, but he loved his tea.

In the late autumn of 1959 we came to work in Hucknall where we soon had a new team composed of Elder Longbotham and a brand new companion, Elder Bottom. We lived at the church, but went up to the Stokes' for our evening meal. At some point during the meal we would always talk of the gospel with Mr. and Sister Stokes. One night we asked if we could present them the lesson plan, " so that Elder Bottom might have some practice." Elder Bottom had only learned the first two lessons, and so it was a good excuse to teach them. Mr. Stokes consented, and we presented them the first lesson.

After we left that night Mr. Stokes said to his wife, " I know what the elders want. They think that they are going to baptise me." We hadn't fooled him for a moment.

We could see that Mr. Stokes had a testimony and a love of the gospel. He bore it to us often. But soon we came to a realisation that try as we might we could not get Mr. Stokes to give up his tea. Though we fasted and prayed; wrote letters of encouragement as a district; bore testimony; and visited him with the supervising elder, President Cooper, and Elder Sorensen; we could not get him to consent to baptism. Then one evening as Elder Sorensen and I gave him a Plan of Salvation Lesson, we felt a spirit there that we had never felt before. That wonderful warm feeling continued with us even the next day.

Sunday, the day that we were to return, was an agony of suspense as we waited for the time of our appointment. As we entered his home we found him happy and cheerful. He had spent the day playing church songs and talking about baptism. But as we sat there the spirit gradually withdrew, and a cold chill went up our spines. Mr. Stokes would not make it then.

From then on we could not regain that same spirit. Our testimonies to him fell as water from a duck's back, and the best commitment we could ever get was a sincere promise that he would be baptised as soon as his wife's niece was. She had been coming to church for quite a long time, but had never been baptised.

Try as we might, we could never get near Sister Stokes' niece to talk to her about baptism. Every time we tried to talk to her she would avoid us.

Soon after that the elders were withdrawn from Hucknall and moved to Lincoln. Not long after the elders had gone, two fine sisters moved into Eastwood, a village just a few miles away from Hucknall. There they soon became acquainted with Sister Stokes' niece, and the Lord through their sweet spirit and strong testimonies was able to touch the heart of the niece and she was baptised.

On hearing this good news we sat down and wrote Mr. Stokes a letter and reminded him of his promise.

Some strange events took place the next day in the Stokes household. When Sister Stokes came down in the morning, Mr. Stokes was writing a letter. He told her to whom it was, but would not let her see it. For the first time in almost 60 years of marriage he was writing a letter which he would not show his wife before posting.

We received his letter the following morning and ran the two blocks to the chapel to the nearest 'phone. There we phoned our supervising elder, Elder Day, for permission to go to Hucknall, and later that day we arrived there.

The door bell rang and Sister Stokes wondered who could be calling in the late afternoon. Mr. Stokes looked up and said, " It's the elders. I've sent for them. Go let them in."

We walked in, exchanged greetings, and sat down. Then we looked at Mr. Stokes and said, " Well? " Then were the contents of the letter revealed to Sister Stokes. Mr. Stokes looked at us and said, " I want to be baptised." Then he expressed the feelings and love that he had for the gospel. It was a Tuesday.

The best arrangement we could make for the baptism was on Thursday afternoon, and so the date was set: Thursday, May 5, 1960 at 2.30 in Eastwood.

Never had we prayed so hard as we did the next two days. On Thursday, as the afternoon sun stole sweetly and warmly through the window, a trembling elder and a calm, snow-haired old man entered the water of the baptismal font. Mr. Stokes was baptised, a serene old man of 78. And so 68 years after he first met the Mormons he kept the appointment he had made with God and entered the Church through the gateway of baptism.

We wish you could visit them now. You would find a happy couple who, in the twilight of their lives, have found a sweetness in life that cannot be described with mere words. Only a personal visit could tell you of the sweetness and love in this grand old couple who are spending the days preparing to go through the temple to prepare to meet their Creator.

Elder Clyde Seely
Elder Heber Dunn

It would be impossible to express our deep gratitude for the way the Lord has blessed our missionary work. We feel like we are engaged in the greatest work on earth, that of bringing souls unto the Lord. All our lives we have looked forward with some anxiety and much eager anticipation to the rich experiences and blessings of being a missionary.

We have had the opportunity of seeing a fruitful harvest, but cannot take the full credit by ourselves. The brothers and sisters of our ward have been extremely helpful in being ever conscious of the worth of souls. Each one has done his best to help us seek out the blood of Israel, and in turn we have found tremendous success. The people which have been referred to us have been people of fine calibre, and have enthusiastically listened to the gospel plan of exaltation. The doors and hearts of people have been opened to our message because of the enthusiasm of their friends. One fine sister gave us four referrals of which we baptised half within three weeks and another looks promising.

A few weeks ago one of the families that we had recently baptised visited their best friends and told them that they had joined the Mormon Church. The friends were impressed by their testimonies and enthusiasm. Because the friends were good parents and honest people, they wanted to teach their child in the best possible way. Three days later we called on their home. They seemed hesitant and wanted proof at first, but as they knelt hand in hand together in prayer we could tell that doubt had left them as we felt their sincere love for God and each other. What a wonderful experience

we had three weeks later when, after they came out of the waters of baptism, they embraced each other and beamed their happiness as they started on their new life together.

One lady told how wonderful she felt at her confirmation. With tears in her eyes she said that she had a wonderful feeling of peace and purity in her heart. Another expressed how clean, fresh and lifted up she felt after baptism.

A short time ago we were wondering who the Lord had chosen to come into the Church that week. In answer to prayer a girl with whom we had been meeting came up to us after church and asked to be baptised on her birthday. The following Thursday she was baptised, and after the confirmation she cried with happiness.

We are sure that the greatest logic in the world cannot convert anyone, but it is only the Spirit of the Lord that can touch a heart. We are but instruments in the Lord's hand in bringing His children into His kingdom.

Elders Heber Dunn and Clyde Seeley

We are grateful for the way we have been blessed, and for the love and support of our parents at home who are making all this possible. We know that the gospel has been restored and that Joseph Smith did not just invent the *Book of Mormon*. Men do not invent a story so that they can be crucified upside down like Peter, nor beheaded like Paul, nor stoned to death like Stephen. Neither do men invent a story so that they can be shot in cold blood by a mob as was Joseph Smith. With this striking realisation it is no small wonder that so many people are accepting the gospel.

Elder Elbert Eastmond
Elder Richard Gehrke

As we pause to count the blessings that the Lord has given us, it brings to our memories the love our parents have given to us. They taught us the gospel and gave us counsel and wisdom, for they knew the happiness it would bring into our lives. They have done much to prepare us for this opportunity of being in the Lord's service. We are grateful for them.

Our hearts are also full of gratitude for the countless people who have helped to develop us in our missionary labours. How well we remember our first senior companions! We respected them, for they were so full of confidence, and they had such strong, burning testimonies of the gospel. How often we wished we could be like them. Of course these were the days of trials and hardships, for we did miss home very much. We grew to love our senior companions, for they understood these feelings and because they offered their love and counsel they helped us overcome these times of trials.

We remember the time when a young man asked us to teach him the gospel. At first he had little or no faith

at all, but he desired to learn and he said that he would ask the Lord for a knowledge of the truth. As he progressed in the gospel, he sought God for wisdom and enlightenment. Each time we met with him, we could see that his faith had increased, even though he failed to realise it himself. When he told us his prayers were not being answered, we felt inspired to ask him if he believed that Christ's Church fell away from the earth and was restored in our day. He told us that it was obvious to him. When we asked him how he felt about Joseph Smith, he told us in a voice of humility and sincerity that he knew that he was a prophet of God. Those were the most beautiful answers to prayer we had ever heard. This is one of the many instances that shows us that God answers the prayers of those who sincerely seek Him for guidance.

We are grateful to know that God walks hand in hand with us in this work. This was so evident to us when we were teaching a young family not too long ago. The Holy Ghost bore strong witness as they learned the truths of the gospel. While they were preparing for baptism, the forces for truth were in strong competition with the forces of evil. We are grateful we both felt inspired one day while we were tracting to call on this family for some reason unknown to us at the time. Almost at the same moment we asked each other what the other was thinking. We immediately called on the family and found they were beginning to doubt the truth. We give thanks to God for the power of the Priesthood, because through it we were able to persuade the forces of evil to leave their home. This experience also gave us strong testimonies concerning the power of the Priesthood, for we know now that we are instruments in the hands of the Lord to perform His great work. How thankful we are to be in His service !

Oh, how great the joy in our hearts to help God's kingdom grow on earth. We pray that God will help us all to grow in love and unity and to partake of the blessings that are in store for all.

Elder Robert Pixton
Elder Jon Bird

One of the greatest blessings that the Lord has given us is the capacity for joy, and to bring us a fullness of joy He has restored the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the earth. Since joy is a product of service to the Lord, we consider our missionary endeavours as a call to joy.

We enjoy proselyting. Each door we knock on or each referral we meet with is a new challenge and an opportunity to teach the gospel. To those that let us in, we have the privilege of bearing our testimonies and showing them through words and actions what true happiness is. We have found many who desire that happiness and joy, but are not willing to put forth the effort that is necessary to gain it. And then we have found a person or a family that can see the goodness of the gospel, and we have learned to love them as we have taught them the truth. This has been the greatest joy of all, to see a soul return to God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we have found joy in the knowledge that if we are faithful we will

be with these precious friends in the kingdom of our Father. The Lord has blessed us with this joy, and we have tasted of its sweetness.

An inspirational experience of last month will illustrate this. We had no baptisms as we entered into the last two weeks of the month, and had no good prospects. On a Tuesday morning we prayed to the Lord that He would bless us with some people who were ready to accept the gospel. After only a short few minutes of tracting that morning, we contacted a young man. We presented the Appointment Discussion to him, and he was very interested, even asking for more information. During the course of our discussion, we found out that although

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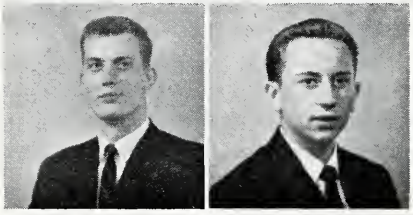

he was British he had lived all his life in India, and had just recently come to London. He had no friends or relatives here and was quite discouraged. Being a Tuesday that day, we invited him to MIA that night. He enjoyed the lesson and associating with the saints in a game of football at Hyde Park. He told us later that it was the first time he had enjoyed himself since coming to London.

We called on Wednesday night and presented the first lesson. He was a little hesitant about prayer, but said that he would do it. On Saturday night we called again, but could tell that something had happened. We found that he had been with some of his friends, who had discouraged him. He said that he did not believe in God or prayer. We had planned to give him the *Book of Mormon* Lesson, but we could see that he was not prepared. However, we read some passages from it. First 2 Nephi 32:8, and then Alma 32. The change in his attitude was remarkable. He asked to see the book. After examining it, he said, "This is what I've been looking for. May I read it?" We said yes on one condition, if he would pray about it. He agreed. Before we left, we all knelt together and we each offered a prayer. As we were rising from the floor, he said, "I really felt that."

We called Sunday morning to take him to church. He had a big smile on his face and he gave us a warm handshake. He looked happy. We asked what had happened. After we left, he said he had prayed for inspiration and then read the "Joseph Smith Story," the "Friendly Discussion," and 40 pages in the *Book of Mormon*. The Lord had borne witness to him that it was true. He could feel it. He said he wanted to tell everyone about it. "Everyone in the world should read that book."

We felt he was prepared now. Sunday afternoon we gave him the Apostasy Lesson. Monday night we challenged him. He accepted and we went right on to the First Principles. He began immediately to live the Word of Wisdom. On Wednesday we presented the Plan of Salvation Lessons, and on Friday the Call to Repentance. He was baptised on Saturday, just ten days from our first visit.

We have never seen the Spirit of the Lord so manifest. We have never seen anyone accept the truth so

quickly. It strengthened our testimonies greatly, and showed us how wise it is to follow the counsel of our leaders, to meet more than once a week, to pray specifically about our contacts, and to stay in tune with the Lord.

Elder Wayne Ayers
Elder Thomas Palmer

To share true happiness with people, which only comes through being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, is the most satisfying work a person could do. When we are out tracting and meeting all types of individuals it is a joy to see the type of people this Church attracts. The clean, wholesome, honest people are the ones who join this Church. It is wonderful to know that when you are serving in the Church of Jesus Christ you are working with God's chosen people.

One of the greatest factors contributing to our enjoyment in this work is the fact that we are serving in the New Era. We are working under some of the greatest leaders in the Church. We have some wonderful tools available which, when put to use in the proper way, result in success.

For example when President Pulsipher and Elder Sheffield were working with us, we called on a member of the branch for referrals. She knew why we had called and said, " I know why you're here and I don't have any." When we left her home we had about eight names. One of these was the Jones family, an elderly couple, whose daughter had been a member of the Church for several years.

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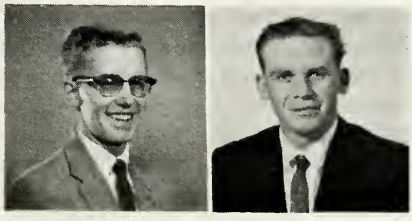


When we called on the Joneses it was late in the afternoon just before tea, so we knew we wouldn't be able to stay long. Mr. Jones was not the least bit interested, and since they were pretty old we just talked to them for a minute and invited them out to church. Mrs. Jones said she would love to come, so we offered to pick her up.

We could not take her home because of meetings that we had, so it was Tuesday before we could call on her again. She was thrilled with church, and told us that she was very glad we had called on her. She said that her husband had recently retired from work because of ill health, and he was very depressed because of it. It had affected her, and she began to think that life was very empty and meaningless. She told us that she had gone down on her knees and asked the Lord for something to happen to help her, and a couple of days later we knocked on her door.

We gave her the Godhead Lesson and the *Book of Mormon* Lesson, and told her we would call Wednesday to see her again. When we called she had read everything we had asked her to read and she knew it was true. As we were reviewing before the Apostasy Lesson, she gave us several reasons why Joseph Smith had to be a prophet of God. She accepted the challenge that night; we called Elder Fuller Thursday morning to tell him we had another active investigator; and then went over to her home to give her the First Principles Lesson.

As we walked up to the door we heard a young voice coming from inside saying, "Granny, I'd like to be baptised as well." The voice turned out to be Jean, the ten-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Jones. We told Jean the Joseph Smith story and gave them both the First Principles Lesson. There was a wonderful spirit present during that meeting, and it thrilled us to teach the gospel to people who were so prepared to receive it.

This work gives us joy and happiness that we cannot receive in any other way. To see these two daughters of our Father in heaven sitting side by side listening to His gospel, one of them ten years old and the other just 70 years young, both anxious and willing to learn and do the will of their Father, gave us true satisfaction. They were both baptised on Sunday.

We are blessed because of the New Era, and we will continue to see the fruits of our labours if we exercise our faith. It is a joy to be able to work in the New Era, and a joy to be in the service of our Father in heaven.

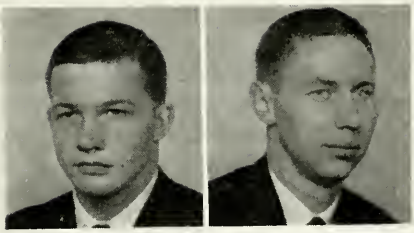
Elder Monte J. Brough
Elder Gordon F. West

The greatest blessing of our mission is the joy to be gained from this work —to help an aimless life find a beautiful and desirable goal, to show others the path for eternal exaltation, and to watch the joy of parenthood increase with family prayer. This is the joy and blessing that our calling brings us.

One of the most beautiful experiences of our mission has happened in the last few weeks. In a story much like the conversion of Alma we have seen the answer of a faithful young sister's prayers. Sister Eileen Gladwin of the Burnley Branch became a Mormon about two years ago. The object of her prayers since then has been for her family to accept the gospel. Her faith was blessed by the Lord about a month ago when her younger sister, Christine, accepted a long-standing invitation to come to MIA. She was impressed with the warm and friendly greetings which she received, and so she came back the next week. Soon she was attending all of the meetings with her sister, and found that she enjoyed the friendship and spirit of the saints. A casual mention of a desire to learn more of the gospel resulted in an early appointment with us, and two weeks later, May 25, Christine entered the waters of baptism in answer to her sister's faith and prayers.

Another incident of faith and prayer came to pass while we were working in the Wirral Branch a few weeks ago. We had been meeting with two families for quite some time. The husbands of both families recognised the "voice" and were baptised into Christ's Church. Their wives, however, did not accept the gospel quite so quickly. In fact, they felt some resentment towards their husbands' baptism. These men realised that the gospel would not be complete without their wives, and so we united our prayers on behalf of these two sisters.

We urged the families to continue with their family prayers and to attend church often. Both families were able to go to the Manchester conference, and the spirit of the meeting was all the spiritual food they required. The families were both united in the gospel with the sisters' baptism a few days later. Imagine the joy of these brethren when they embraced their wives after the baptism. The fullness of the



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gospel is now in their homes and they are looking forward to the time when their love can be sealed for all time and eternity.

Riches ? " Behold he that hath eternal life is rich."

Comfort ? " For they shall be comforted."

Rest ? "And these shall enter into my rest."

Riches, comfort and rest are part of the blessings of a mission, and we shall be eternally grateful for the opportunity we have of striving for them.

Sister Diane Moore
Sister Pamela Read

There is nothing more rewarding than to be able to give " our neighbour " the opportunity to hear this gospel, and more wonderful still to see their joy as they recognise the voice of their Father and have instilled within them the desire to enter into His home.

As we progress in missionary work, the real meaning of prayer is unfolded, and the joy we receive from daily talking with our Heavenly Father is above all verbal description. He becomes so real to us that we feel like spending all day discussing our life, joys, sorrows and problems. We get so that we can discuss and talk with God about everything, and as we speak God answers our prayers, making clear the solutions to our problems.

Together as sisters we have witnessed the joy that comes into the homes of our brothers and sisters when the Lord has blessed them with a testimony of His gospel. We are gaining a deeper appreciation of the principles of this gospel, and we have grown to realise the full meaning of Lehi's words, " Men are that they might have joy." We are working, and because of our work in the Lord's service we are finding true joy and happiness.

We recently met a fine family named Worrell, who are neighbours of the Sanderson family that recently came into the Church. We asked Mrs. Worrell if we could teach her and her family the gospel; she immediately said " Yes "; and a few days later we met with her family, who were anxiously waiting to hear our message. We discussed the Godhead Lesson with them and invited them to church. On the following Sunday they were all attending church listening attentively to every word. The speaker spoke on the Word of Wisdom. The next time we called by they were living it.

After the *Book of Mormon* Lesson they asked us about baptism. Their young boys wanted to see the baptismal font and examine it for them-

Sisters Diane Moore and Pamela Read

selves, so we took them to M.I.A., where they spent half the time looking over the font and discussing their baptism. They declared that the font looked like a " big bathtub." They told us that they wanted to be baptised.

At first their parents gave their permission for the children to be baptised, but Satan entered on the scene and, much to our disappointment, they decided against it. We had to work with them for two days until we got to the root of the problem and straightened it out, but they gave the children once again their permission to be baptised. The rest of the family wants to take a little longer, but we know they will be baptised within a fortnight.

Mrs. Worrel is so happy now. She told us that this is the first sime that her husband has even considered going to church, and that he is ready to go to church one hour before the meeting is due to commence. She also stated that this is the first time her husband has knelt in prayer to his Father in heaven. We can surely feel the Spirit of the Lord in their family, and we know that we were led to their door. Know that we know the true happiness which comes when we are in the service of the Lord serving our fellowmen.

Elder Victor Burner
Elder Clifford Ward

Within the past three week period in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, we have been blessed with ten baptisms! What a feeling of joy and satisfaction we have had during this most fruitful period of our missions!

To begin the story, we were assigned to reopen Merthyr Tydfil for full-time missionary work during the latter part of April. This is the town where Dan Jones did a good deal of his missionary work more than a hundred years ago, and the town where he converted many hundreds of people, most of whom have emigrated.

The Jones family of Merthyr Tydfil is a family of very keen missionaries, and they are very quick to snap up referrals, but despite our friendly competition they willingly gave us referrals of their friends and family. In fact the whole branch has been behind us whole heartedly, and our first baptisms are a result of the first referrals we were given.

We were asked to speak at sacrament meeting on our first Sunday in Merthyr. We spoke on the simple and fundamental principles of the gospel, and bore testimony of their truthfulness. After the meeting we spoke for a few minutes to two visitors, Lynn Ford and Maureen Chang. When Lynn expressed his faith in the restored Church of Jesus Christ, we challenged him to be baptised and he accepted. He was baptised the following Tuesday, before returning to his R.A.F. base.

We continued to meet with Maureen, and we gave her three lessons at a time, which she accepted very well. At our next meeting we challenged her to be baptised in a fortnight. She accepted, but we could see she was quite upset with the suddenness of it. We asked her to study the pamphlets we gave her and to pray sincerely about being baptised into the Church.

The next time we saw her she had a lovely smile on her face and was very much at ease. She told us that after the last meeting she felt very depressed and went home and prayed about it imme-

diately. She said that after she prayed, " a tremendous weight was lifted off her shoulders." She felt joy and peace within her heart, and she asked, " Can I be baptised sooner? " " Of course! " we said. We were just as thrilled, because we knew that her prayers had been answered.

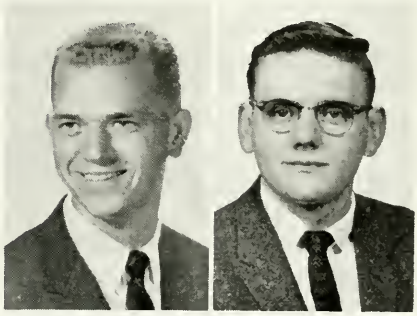
The next day or so she was ill, but she got out of bed to come and have a lesson. She was baptised the same week.

Our first referral was Mr. and Mrs. Alan Watkins. Immediately we were impressed with their sincere desire for truth, their intelligence, and their humility. He had been reading the *Book of Mormon* before we called, and he promised to come to church. After attending a Primary programme, they commented that even the children in the Church are inspired!

At first Mr. Watkins said the story of Joseph Smith sounded like a psychological experience, and it did not fit in with his theology. However, at the end of the lesson he offered a humble and beautiful prayer, imploring the Lord for greater knowledge of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He prayed again that night, and he said that a wonderful feeling came to him that he cannot doubt the divine calling of Joseph Smith.

When we heard him relate his experience and bear his testimony, we knew that he had lived a good life and had been found worthy to be blessed by our Heavenly Father with a testimony of the gospel. Because his wife had an equally strong faith, we gave them four lessons that night. They accepted everything perfectly, and said how wonderful it was to have the inner conviction, without tangible proof, of the divinity of the teachings. They had been praying together for the truth for a long time, in fact since they were married; and they had just about resigned themselves to the position that there was no true church.

We said we were having a baptism service on Saturday (two days away) and the next Thursday, but we said to them, " We know you can be ready for Saturday." At first he said they had better wait until Thursday, but in a few minutes he said, " No, let's be baptised Saturday! " What exquisite joy and happiness filled our souls at that moment! This is our reward for the work we do for the love of these people.



Elders Victor Burner and Clifford Ward

The next night we met with them and gave them the last lesson before baptism; they were very excited indeed. We noticed that all the friends and relatives that left the house had our pamphlets in their pockets to read!

With utmost faith and determination he changed his life to be in accordance with Christ's teachings. He is now a deacon in the Church, and he and his wife are looking forward to going to the temple to be sealed together for time and eternity.

We went to see Brother and Sister Woodward in the neighbouring town of Aberdare. The branch in their town had been disorganised, and they have two sons, Brian and Phillip, who had

passed the age for baptism. They were willing for this sacred ordinance to be done after we had spoken to them and had explained its meaning.

We sincerely wanted some more people to come into our Father in heaven's kingdom, so we fasted and prayed. We sent a telegram to the Woodwards saying we would be out there that day to teach their sons after school. The following day they were baptised!

Jeffrey and Lillian Richards have been coming to Primary for over two years. They are neighbours and good friends of the Harmons, who were brought into the Church by their own children attending Primary. The Richards children had wanted to be baptised for some time, and had received their parents' permission two weeks previously. They were happy about the way our Church takes care of the young people.

When we went to teach the children, we explained to them very simply about the restoration of Christ's true Church and the first principles of the gospel. They were baptised the next day. The parents and an aunt were very impressed with the simple but beautiful baptism service.

When Sister Butler of Cardiff joined the Church, all of her family looked upon her actions with disfavour and did not hesitate to let her know it. However, acting with faith and love for her family, she gave us their names. When we visited her sister, Mrs. Ryland, in Aberdare, the whole family was impressed with the gospel. They especially liked the relaxed and friendly spirit in our meetings. They came to visit the district conference, a baptism service, and several Church meetings. Mr. Ryland said that he had a wonderful feeling that he had not had for a long, long time. Gillian, their daughter, was the first to gain enthusiasm and a strong testimony of the gospel. She very much wanted to join the Church, and she asked her parents' permission. They thought she should wait a while, because she had only recently been confirmed in another church. However, as we spoke to them, we could see the Spirit touch and soften their hearts. The children have been baptised, but the parents want to take a little bit more time. We look forward to helping the parents prepare for baptism also. Gillian and her brother Franklin are now anticipating the wonderful youth convention at Filey, and they will be attending as members of the Church!

Brother Watkins has a younger sister, Diane, who started coming to Primary and Sunday School. We took her home after one of the meetings, and while we were there, she asked her parents if she could be baptised. They said to wait a while, but she insisted upon a yes answer then. We told the parents we would come again and tell them more about the Church. Diane started living the Word of Wisdom immediately, and kept telling her parents with determined and resolute expression, "I want to be a Mormon!" Well, this lovely young sister was baptised the same night as her brother and sister-in-law.

How wonderful it is to see these new people participate in the activities of the Church! How encouraging it is to us to see people in all the humility and faith of a child accept the teachings of God. It is verily a miracle to see the power of God touch their lives and transform them. Just as the caterpillar undergoes change to develop into the beautiful butterfly, or the small bud blossoms into the delightful flower, we

see the children of God open up and blossom into full gospel glory and radiance. We are working with the most precious thing in the world—eternal souls.

Another great joy we have in our missionary life is the opportunity for studying the scriptures. One of the most exciting and satisfying things to experience is to have the inspiration to comprehend and unfold the meaning of the scriptures through prayer. The peace and understanding gained from the scriptures adds an additional motivation to share the gospel with others that they might have this same joy.

It has been wonderful to see these people come into the Church this month of May. The Lord has really blessed us, and we know we can never repay Him for all His favours.

Missionary work is a great physical, mental, and spiritual challenge. However, the rewards are great.

It is inspiring to be a member of such a great team as the missionaries of the Church. It is important to be in the right place at the right time, and this is how we feel after being in the British Mission and the Welsh District during the month it lead the Mission in number of baptisms.

Elder Bishop
Elder Newey

Of late we have had a great desire to experience the joy that comes through exercising faith like the brethren of old, in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth. With this thought in mind, we fell upon our knees to ask the Lord to help us. We arose with assurance that we would see the fulfilment of what we had asked for. With full faith, we took all of the lesson material up to the First Principles Lesson and hurried to the only meeting we had scheduled for that evening.

There was a wonderful spirit there. Noticing how amazingly receptive this family was, there was no doubt in our minds but that we would unhesitatingly go from lesson to lesson to challenge them for baptism. Our voices seemed to be much clearer than usual. After the first lesson, they expressed their joy and thrill in the new knowledge we had expressed in the marvellous story of Joseph Smith.

They wanted to hear more, so after being assured that they had more time, we went on. After telling them about Joseph Smith and the *Book of Mormon*, we explained the apostasy and the need of a Restoration Lesson. By this time we were so excited that we could hardly speak. When we started to inquire as to whether they believed that what we were telling them was true, we were given new strength because their answers were more positive than our questions. When we asked one of them to be baptised, the other would look at him with an expression as if to say, "Oh, you must say 'Yes.'" We were all greatly relieved and happy beyond measure that their answers were "Yes."

We set the date for baptism and asked them for names of friends and relatives with whom we could share these same truths. They gave us the names of several people to call on, and about half of their good referrals were baptised with them.

As we taught one family, we took a paper bag with us on the day we

gave them the First Principles Lesson and had the family dump their complete supply of tea into the bag, which we burned as soon as we got home.

We had many other wonderful experiences at this time. One of these occurred when we called upon the sister of a member. She told us that she had been meaning to come out to church to see what it was like. She had become quite interested when she noticed the enthusiasm of her brother, who had been in the Church for a short time. She told us that she was not satisfied with her own church, and after we told her a little about our Church, she promised positively to come out. We met her husband later and gave both of them the lessons. It turned out that they were very shy and afraid to mix with people. We explained that most of the people in the branch had been that same way, and that they would feel right at home. They accepted our challenge and were baptised. We have certainly seen a great growth in them since. Now they are very sociable and are willing to take on responsibilities.

In the next few days we met some inactive investigators and rechallenged them. They accepted and were also baptised.

We were walking down the street about this same time, when we were startled in our steps by the shouts of little girls. We turned around and they told us that their mother had been looking for us. We looked down the street and saw her coming. In speaking with her we found that she wanted us to come back to her home, for she wanted to be baptised. Her husband had just rejected us when we came back to give the First Principles Lesson, but she wanted to be baptised in a few days.

Again and again our faith has been increased by these experiences, and it was wonderful to see how the spirit of the members was bolstered.

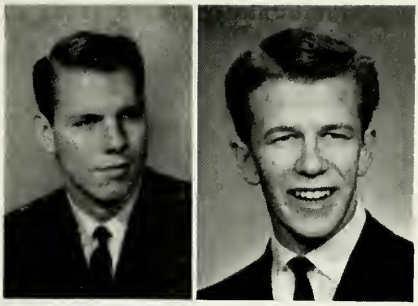
Within a few weeks, twelve people were brought into the branch. Most of these were given two or three lessons at a time, and some were baptised within ten days of when we first met them. None of this would have been possible if the Lord had not been with us. We truly have a great many things for which we are thankful.

Elder Richard Connelly
Elder Lon Bailey

It is essential that we stay in tune with the Lord so that we may be directed by Him. When we teach by the spirit, the people know what we say is true. As someone once said, " Prayer is the passport to spiritual power."

The joys and blessings of living close to God only take on significance when we fulfil the true purpose of our calling, that of assisting our Heavenly Father in bringing souls into His kingdom here on earth. This is a challenge, for the Spirit of Christ is in every man, and it is our responsibility to bring it to the surface that they may realise and know the value of the gospel in their lives. The greatest joy a person can experience is to assist in bringing a person to a knowledge of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, and then to watch him progress and develop as the gospel becomes a living part of his life.

We recall the statement of the father of a family we were meeting with. Upon challenging him for baptism, he



Elders Richard Connelly and Lon Bailey

turned to us with a happy smile and said, " I only wish that our poet, Robert Burns, could have found the peace and happiness which my family and I have found since you met with us." A statement such as this thrills us, for we know that the Father has answered his prayers. Indeed the gospel is one of truth and results in joy and happiness. He, along with his wife and three girls, are now brother and sister in the gospel.

Just last week we called on an inactive investigator family. This is a family who has met with the missionaries before, but have not been baptised. We were giving them a review when we asked the lady of the house what the Holy Ghost was. She looked at her husband and then at us and said, " My husband knows. Let him tell you." The husband then said, " It is what you carry with you." We are thankful for experiences such as these, for they prove the inner seeking of all men for a peace and a comfort of mind.

Our Father in heaven blesses us with His support and gives us the ways and means to do His will, but we must put forth the effort and make effective use of the methods He has given us. With desire, faith, and work we can fulfil the purpose of our calling and help the Lord to bring to pass the eternal life and immortality of man.

Here in the Norwich District we are certainly blessed with love and unity. We work as a team in this wonderful work, and it gives us more determination to serve when we know we have the faith and prayers of ten other brethren with us in our areas. We receive joy and inspiration when we pray for the contacts of the other missionaries and when we can write letters of encouragement to them. Missionary work is not just an individual effort, but it requires the heart, might, mind, and strength collectively of all those who have this wonderful gospel.

The gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored and is here upon the earth for the benefit of all mankind. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that it is our responsibility to testify of this to the people of Great Britain.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS *(continued)*

Finally the man on whom my eyes had been fixed all evening rose. At first I wondered if this was the Prophet, surely a prophet would look like this —majestic yet humble. His opening remarks gave me the assurance which I have had ever since. I knew that I was listening to a man who had been called of God. I was hearing the words of the greatest man I had ever heard. He was more like the Saviour than I had ever imagined a man could be. He spoke of love and used simple words such as might be understood by all who listened. Once or twice I turned to look at the people sitting beside me. They too were enthralled, even the small children sat quietly listening.

As the meeting ended I wanted to talk to this man, to tell him that I too

knew him to be a prophet, but the crowd milling around him was so great, and I was not sure if I would be able to find the words I wanted to speak as my heart was so full, so I left the building quickly so that I could think over the wonderful thing which had happened to me.

All the way home the thought that there was a prophet once more upon the earth thrilled me. Men such as Moses, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Peter became real to me in a way they never had before. Tonight, I thought, I have come home. I had found what I had been seeking, and wanted more than anything else in the world to become one of those people who called themselves "Saints," who shared the love of this great man and who looked to him as a prophet to guide them.

NEW ERA CALENDAR

OF BRANCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS

June 4—A twenty-first birthday party was held at the home of Brother and Sister John Leonard of Bradford in honour of Sister Karen Rae White from California who is studying at the Bradford College of Art. A delightful evening was spent playing games, singing and presenting a "fashion parade" where the sisters dressed their escorts in creations made from coloured paper. Brother Leonard was elected "beauty" of the evening.

June 4—Bournemouth's Entertainments Committee decided to put a holiday by the seaside into a nutshell. Guests at this south coast frolic found that the chapel had been transformed into a smugglers' cave where ice-cream, toffee apple and pop-corn vendors mingled with the crowds. By the end of the day the children were as tired as if they had really spent the day on the beach.

June 6—Liverpool Ward MIA found that there was more fun to be found in getting lost and found again on their outing to the Wirral. The more energetic members of the group played ball on the beach whilst the others just lay and tried to get a tan. The Primary went to Woolton Woods for their picnic. The sun shone for most of the day although rain did stop play for a little while.

June 6—Brother Willis' lovely garden was the setting of the Bournemouth Branch Garden Party. Thirty people competed in darts, hoop-la, miniature golf and in running races.

June 9—"Bring a Friend" Sunday was very well attended at Manchester Ward; in fact late-comers had difficulty in finding seats.

June 20—Liverpool Ward Relief Society held their first day of the summer season. Eleven sisters were there

during the morning and this number was augmented during the afternoon by four more. The sisters spent the morning making chutney whilst Sisters Phil Gibson and Jean Peacock prepared the midday meal. After lunch and choir practice the sisters relaxed in the kitchen and watched Sister Doreen Nugent bake Irish Soda bread. The verdict on the result—" Mmm, delicious! " During the evening Sister Beryl Cubbon organised a sewing group in the garden.

June 22—The Irish District Presidency were justly proud of the success at Filey of the group from the District, so they honoured them at a party where they repeated their performances.

June 22—Dewsbury Ward held a barbecue to celebrate Pioneer Day. The event was sponsored by the MIA and attendance was somewhere in the region of one hundred. The entertainment had a spiritual side with a film strip explaining the rigours and persecutions of the early Saints. There was also a quiz based on the " Take Your Pick " quiz show with Brother Fenton as the compere. Brothers Williams and Murphy brought the house down when costumed as babies they sang " Too Young to Go Steady ".

Dr. Alden M. Packer, Cambridge Branch President has been released with a vote of thanks for his many months of faithful service. Through the leadership of this humble servant of the Lord the Cambridge Branch has grown from a few Saints to many in number. The Branch is now headed by Brother Karl Nicholes. The children of Grimsby Branch must have prayed very hard because the weather at the Sunday School outing to Hubbards Hills was perfect for climbing trees, paddling, playing rounders or just lazing in the sun.

How do they do it? Perhaps this story will show how the Rawtenstall brethren have managed to achieve their magnificent record of Branch Teaching. One sister who lives some distance from Rawtenstall is a shift worker and it was difficult to find a time when both she and the brethren were available. The only time convenient to both was during the lunch break, so arrangements were made and although time was very limited, this sister was visited and given the lesson for the month.

June 25—The Mormon Players from Bangor united with members of Belfast Operatic Company to present a show at the Rotary Club for handicapped boys in Crawfordsburn Hospital.

June 28—Sister Karen White arranged a cook-out at Shipley Glen for Bradford Ward MIA. After a hectic ten minutes when too many cooks might have spoiled the broth, but didn't, the group ate a delicious meal and listened to the radio.

June 29—A birthday is always a great occasion but when one is eighty years of age and living alone it is extra special, or so thought Radcliffe Relief Society, because they decided to celebrate Sister Hutchinson's birthday by taking Relief Society into her home and with a cake specially made and iced by Brother and Sister Eckersley.

June 30—Bangor Relief Society had a dinner party but several of the Priesthood smelling barbecued chicken just " happened " to drop in.

July 2—A group of intrepid boys set out from Oldham to qualify for another requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh Award by hiking fourteen

miles over land between Lyme Park and Ashton and setting up an overnight camp. Several enthusiastic members accompanied the party with encouraging cries and after talking and singing around the camp-fire, bedded down for the night with an assortment of ground sheets, blankets, sleeping-bags and plastic macs. Waking in the morning to find themselves alongside the local cemetery they packed up without delay and headed with sharpened appetites to a tasty breakfast prepared for them at the home of Brother and Sister Evans.

July 5—Rochdale Ward Relief Society took an evening stroll through the countryside around Rochdale.

July 11—A farewell party was held by Bradford Ward in honour of Sister Karen White who was returning home to California after studying at Bradford College of Art for a year. Sister White has been a tower of strength in the ward and will be sorely missed, especially by the MIA and the Aaronic Priesthood. A presentation was made to Sister White and Brother D. Kimberley read a poem specially written for the occasion.

July 16—The rain was still pouring down as the Radcliffe Branch and Manchester Ward cricket teams met at the Manchester Ward Chapel. Radcliffe won the toss and put Manchester in to bat and they lost no time in making a good score, 97 for 8. Radcliffe's star bowler, thirteen-year-old Irmo Lawson took four wickets for only nineteen runs. Radcliffe then went in to bat but after only three runs had been scored. Jack "Stonewall" Leeming was bowled by Peter Lee who played havoc with the Radcliffe batting until President Eric Snelson took over at the popping crease. Ten runs were added before he was bowled by Brother Lee who finished the innings with an analysis of five wickets for four runs. The rest of the Radcliffe team were almost immediately dismissed.

July 17—About fifty people attended a "Fireside" at Northampton where coloured slides were shown by Elder John J. Southwick.

July 18—A "wow" of a social was presented by Bradford Ward Aaronic Priesthood. Non-stop entertainment interspersed with dancing, skilfully M.C.'d by Brother Tony Steward gave the social that extra special boost.

July 21—Pioneer day was celebrated in style at Northampton. The sixty guests were divided into four groups and each team was sent out on a treasure trail ending at the camp-fire where a tasty meal was awaiting the hungry competitors.

July 23—A big day for Bristol Branch. During the afternoon they played host to forty members from Bournemouth and a further one hundred and seventy joined the group to note Pioneer Day with a barbecue. Finally members of Weston Branch arrived to swell the crowd. When it became impossible to stay in the garden an impromptu concert was organised by President Jones of the District Presidency.

July 25—Northampton's Vanguards set off on a four-day camp with their leader, Brother L. Rowlands. Their full programme included swimming, tracking, fishing, wrestling, cricket and train spotting, just the thing to keep a group of lively Vanguards happy.

August 1—In spite of stormy weather, Portsmouth, Brighton and Bournemouth Branches travelled to join Southampton Branch for a Primary

A near-capacity crowd of over 900 listens to the singing mothers at a session of the London District Conference

Rally. The substitute indoor programme was rather noisy, but if the volume of noise was the standard by which fun could be judged, these youngsters had a wonderful time. Brighton's Primary teachers took home the challenge shield as well as their band of tired children.

August 5—The present-day pioneers never had it so good—at least that was the opinion of the "pioneers" at the Grimsby Branch barbecue. The weather was exceptionally good and one hundred and twenty five people danced and sang in the fire light in true pioneer style.

August 6—Nuneaton Branch combined business with pleasure when part of the time at their outing to Tamworth Castle was spent copying monumental inscriptions.

August 6—The Irish District Presidency, together with their wives and the district missionaries organised the MIA at Omagh. This was the first time many of the Omagh Saints had been able to attend Mutual and the programme of square dancing and wiener roast got the auxiliary off to a good start.

August 6—Belfast Sunday School took a chance and planned a garden fête. For once the weather remained fine and each class was able to erect a stall in the garden. The Superintendency counted a profit of £6 at the end of the day.

August 10—The Mormon Players from Bangor Branch took their road-show to Newtonards Hospital and entertained the patients of four geriatric wards.

August 14-15—The Irish District Aaronic Priesthood held a camp where the boys were hosts to the Beehive girls. The girls cooked dinner for the boys before returning home, leaving the boys to take care of themselves. The boys returned home after holding Priesthood on Sunday morning.

Engagement

Camm – Dooley—The engagement was announced recently between Brother R. Camm and Sister C. Dooley of the Leeds Ward.

Death

Scott—Romford Saints attended the funeral service of Brother William

Scott on August 23. An address was given by Elder Stephen L. Jacobson and the grave was dedicated by Elder Lynn D. Thorne.

Marriages

Fullwood – Larsen—Lionel Fullwood and Valerie Larsen were married in the Salt Lake Temple on September 2. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Lion House.

Cree – Corner—Brother R. Cree and Sister C. Corner were married on June 4, in the Bradford Ward Chapel by Bishop Smithson. Both are members of the Leeds Ward.

Evans – Reedy — Brother Michael Reginald Evans and Mary Bridget Reedy were married on July 13, at Summerfield. The Liverpool Ward will be the home-ward of this fine new couple.

British Statistics

BIRTHS and BLESSINGS

British Mission

Lewis : To Thomas John and Florence Pauline Heard Lewis of Merthyr Tydfil, a daughter, Jayne Ann, born February 14, 1957; blessed July 3, 1960, by John Bustamante.

Sellwood : To George Thomas and Aida Maria Therese Stella Salvina Zammit Sellwood of Reading, a son, Paul Thomas, born January 24, 1956; blessed June 26, 1960, by Thomas Dowdall.

Sellwood : To George Thomas and Aida Maria Therese Stella Salvina Zammit Sellwood of Reading, a son, Stephan John, born February 9, 1957; blessed June 26, 1960, by Robert Sillcott.

Aldridge : To John Edgar and Helen Burridge Aldridge of St. Albans, a daughter, Rosemary Ann, born July 22, 1952; blessed May 1, 1960, by Ira W. Mount.

Aldridge : To John Edgar and Helen Burridge Aldridge of St. Albans, a daughter, Phyllis Joyce, born January 25, 1955; blessed May 1 1960, by F. Kennard Barson.

Aldridge : To John Edgar and Helen Burridge Aldridge of St Albans, a son, Stephen John, born March 20, 1960; blessed May 1, 1960, by Geoffrey D. Hobbs

Asay : To Chester Harris and Marjorie Evelyn Waters Asay of Reading, a son, Kevin Lee, born June 17, 1960; blessed July 3, 1960, by Chester Harris Asay.

Peacock : To Francis Albert and Moira Rose Rawlings Peacock of Reading, a daughter, Pamela Joan, born June 8, 1960; blessed July 3, 1960, by Eric Howard Lock.

Thompson: To Clarence and Eileen Reid Thompson of Reading, a daughter, Anita, born September 1, 1958; blessed April 10, 1960, by Eric Howard Lock.

Shepherd : To Terence Edwin and Shirley Ann Florence Greenhalge Shepherd of Nottingham, a son, Bryce Rowan, born May 29, 1960; blessed June 19, 1960, by Terence Edwin Shepherd.

Rawlings : To Maurice Howard and Prunella Reaveley Rawlings of Birmingham, a son, Ian Blaine, born May 19, 1960; blessed June 19, 1960, by Maurice Howard Rawlings.

Jevons : To John Donald Royston and Dorne Johnson Jevons of Birmingham, a daughter, Anita Mary, born April 25, 1960; blessed June 26, 1960, by John Donald Royston Jevons.

Rae : To David McKelvie and Janet Crombie Rennie Rae of North London, a daughter, Frances Jane, born May 6, 1960; blessed July 3, 1960, by David McKelvie Rae.

Hughes : To Alan Osborne and Pamela Hughes of Luton, a son, David Osborne, born December 14, 1959; blessed June 5, 1960, by Thomas R. H. Clark.

Roberts : To Edmund Palmer and Mary Batchelor Roberts of Luton, a daughter, Alison Frances, born November 19, 1953; blessed June 5, 1960, by William K. Sheppard.

Angel : To John Thomas and Doreen Elizabeth Blandford Angel of Stroud, a son, Paul John, born June 14, 1960; blessed July 10, 1960, by Edward Hughes Morgan.

Adams : To Edwin Walter and Shirley Wanda Logan Adams of Oxford, a daughter, Cindy Lee, born June 16, 1960; blessed July 3, 1960, by Alexander Leslie Bayliss.

North British Mission

Hanson : To Peter and Lorna Rose Hanson of West Hartlepool, a son, Ian Stewart, born April 7, 1956; blessed July 3, 1960, by Alfred Wainwright.

Lodge : To Gordon and Brenda Jackson Lodge of West Hartlepool, a daughter, Julie Elizabeth, born April 31, 1960; blessed June 19, 1960, by John Thomas Lamb.

Wharton : To Jack and Sylvia Richardson Wharton of Grimsby, a son, Kenneth Stanley, born November 6, 1952; blessed June 26, 1960, by Alfred Cook.

Wharton : To Jack and Sylvia Richardson Wharton of Grimsby, a daughter, Anita Francis, born December 7, 1953; blessed June 26, 1960, by Howard Lloyd.

Wharton : To Jack and Sylvia Richardson Wharton of Grimsby, a son, Henry James, born May 4, 1960; blessed June 26, 1960, by Alfred A. Cook.

Costello : To Robert and Coralene Hannah Shuttleworth Costello of Burnley, a daughter, Deana Agnes, born May 31, 1959; blessed July 3, 1960, by Albert Pickup.

Hanson : To Peter and Lorna Rose Hanson of West Hartlepool, a son, Philip Graham, born April 25, 1955; blessed July 3, 1960, by John Thomas Lamb.

Hanson : To Peter and Lorna Rose Hanson of West Hartlepool, a daughter, Jacqueline Margaret, born April 3, 1954; blessed July 3, 1960, by Leon Mylroie.

Duncanson : To John and Dinah McKay Duncanson of Glasgow, a daughter, Catherine, born May 28, 1960; blessed July 3, 1960, by James Green.

Grimbley : To Dennis and Shirley Greaves Grimbley of York, a daughter, Susan, born July 2, 1959; blessed July 3, 1960.

Grimbley : To Dennis and Shirley Greaves Grimbley of York, a daughter, Anne Elizabeth, born July 26, 1957; blessed July 3, 1960, by Wilfred Roberts.

Swinley : To James and Margaret Ann Irving Hedderick Swinley of South Shields, a daughter, Christine Sheelagh, born June 4, 1957; blessed July 3, 1960, by Derek Timms.

Swinley : To James and Margaret Ann Irving Hedderick Swinley of South Shields, a daughter, Ann Margaret, born December 4, 1955; blessed July 3, 1960, by George Stephenson.

Scott : To Raymond and Beryl Irene Kingston Scott of Preston, a daughter, Debbie, born June 22, 1960; blessed July 17, 1960, by George Doughty.

ORDINATIONS

British Mission

BIRMINGHAM
John Tennant of Birmingham to Deacon
Trevor John Hopkins of Birmingham to Teacher
Peter James Grainger of Birmingham to Teacher
Walter John Badham of Birmingham to Teacher
George Albert White of Northampton to Teacher
Albert Edward Preece of Wolverhampton to Teacher
Douglas William Davidson of Wolverhampton to Teacher
Norman Pardoe of Wolverhampton to Priest
Edmund Francis Klich of Wolverhampton to Priest
Robin Christopher Woodward of Rugby to Teacher
Anthony John Elger of Rugby to Teacher

BRISTOL
Mostyn Herbert Vinnicombe of Gloucester to Priest
Arthur Ronald Conlin of Plymouth to Teacher
Terence Lionel Hillier of Bristol to Deacon
Robert John Houston of Plymouth to Deacon

LONDON
Edward Brian Murray of Reading to Teacher
Harry Thomas Dunn of Bournemouth to Deacon
William Howard of Southend to Priest
Thomas George Sellwood of Reading to Deacon
Sydney Smith of Southend to Priest
Anthony Clive Palmer of Southend to Deacon
Barry James Huggett of Southend to Deacon
James Rueben Huggett of Southend to Deacon
Edwin Wallace Austin of Hyde Park to Deacon
David Craig of Hyde Park to Deacon
Robert Philip Wallbutton of Gravesend to Teacher
Alan Osborne Hughes of Luton to Teacher
George Henry Jaggard of Basildon to Priest
John Roger Tuff-Norman of South London to Teacher
Frederick William Taplin of Stevenage to Priest
Richard Alan Honeycutt of South London to Deacon
Henry Stanley Blewitt of South London to Teacher

NORWICH
Graham John Blackwell of Gorleston to Deacon
David Wayne Streeter of Ipswich to Teacher
Brian Treloar Vingoe of Ipswich to Teacher

NOTTINGHAM
Leon Bull of Derby to Priest
Keith Lawrence Woodward of Nottingham to Teacher
Ronald Asher of Nottingham to Teacher
Paul Anthony Overton of Peterborough to Deacon
Colin Robert Pimberton of Mansfield to Deacon

WALES
David Mordecai of Bridgend to Deacon
Robert Edward Trainer of Blackwood to Deacon
Alma Hickman of Newport to Deacon

North British Mission

HULL
Leonard Webster of Hull to Priest
George William Theaker of Hull to Elder
Derek L. Jacklin of Grimsby to Teacher

NEWCASTLE
Arthur Edwin Hunter of Middlesbrough to Teacher
Ronald Ford of Sunderland to Deacon
Derek Leadley of Sunderland to Deacon
James Simpson Lauric of West Hartlepool to Teacher
William Stanley Millar of West Hartlepool to Teacher
John Henderson of Newcastle to Elder
Alexander Whyte Greig of Sunderland to Elder
Michael George Collins of South Shields to Deacon
Keith Horncastle of South Shields to Teacher
Ronald Watson Rogers of South Shields to Deacon
Charles William Jennings of South Shields to Deacon
John Williams of South Shields to Deacon

PRESTON
Robert Costello of Burnley to Deacon

SCOTLAND
James Binnie Dinholm Gray of Edinburgh to Priest
Neil Stewart Roy of Edinburgh to Teacher
Henry Lyons Grant of Aberdeen to Deacon
Ian Albert George McGregor of Aberdeen to Deacon
Stanley Black of Aberdeen to Deacon
Gordon Tennant Mair of Aberdeen to Deacon
George Gordon of Aberdeen to Deacon
William Noble Bruce of Aberdeen to Deacon
William Noble Bruce, Jr., of Aberdeen to Deacon
Herbert Anderson Innes of Edinburgh to Elder
Gordon Stewart of Aberdeen to Deacon

SHEFFIELD
Leslie Machin of Doncaster to Deacon
Howard Charles Cottam of Doncaster to Deacon
George Edward Wyatt of Doncaster to Deacon

Henry Storrs of Doncaster to Deacon
Douglas Ellison of Sheffield to Priest
Alan Howard Maynard of Doncaster to Elder

Manchester Stake

Edwards Rex of Liverpool to Deacon
Jackson Alison of Liverpool to Deacon
Borrows Rodney William of Liverpool to Teacher
Roberts Ralph Wesley of Liverpool to Teacher
Wain Robert Stephen of Liverpool to Teacher
Bourne James Stuart of Liverpool to Priest
Rhodes Arthur of Liverpool to Priest
Kenneth Edward Smith of Bradford to Deacon
Christopher Roy Briggs of Bradford to Deacon
Kenneth Daykin of Bradford to Deacon
Jeffrey Fredrick Hughes of Bradford to Deacon
Eric Briggs of Bradford to Priest
Jack Tetlow of Bradford to Teacher
David Cranmer of Bradford to Teacher

BAPTISMS

British Mission

BIRMINGHAM
Joy Dianne Neale of Coventry
Harry Ernest Lachfield of Northampton
Dennis Norman Brown of Birmingham
John Henry Waite of Coventry
Laura Sands of Coventry
Rose Williams of Coventry
Edith Turkington of Coventry
Thomas Harold Cooper of Coventry
Robert Cooper of Coventry
Hatty Cooper of Coventry
Richard Lewis Sands of Coventry
Keith Anthony Briers of Coventry
Ambrose William Tee of Northampton
Gwendoline Fanny Oldham Shaw of Worcester
Nigel Frederick Shaw of Worcester
Thomas Williams of Coventry

BRISTOL
Paul Manfred Lewis of Bristol
Mavis Pauline Painter of Bristol
Linda Marlene Caine of Bristol
Siglinda Renate Hillier of Bristol
Terence Lioncl Hillier of Bristol
Jennie May Queen Maggs of Bristol
Sharman Jane Caines of Bristol
Christine Annes Caines of Bristol
Dorothy White of Plymouth
Susan May Bowden of Plymouth
Bernard Gordon Michael Hazel of Gloucester
Daphne Joy Maddison of Bristol
Jean Ethel Maddison of Bristol
Richard Karl Lewis of Bristol
Shirlene Netta Angel of Stroud
Linda Allis Richards of Plymouth

LONDON
Edwin Wallace Austin of Hyde Park
Victor Frederick Amos George Foyle of Basildon
Sheila Elizabeth Rose Smailes of Oxford
Christine Grace Arnold of St. Albans
Leonard Thomas Arnold of St. Albans
David Arnold of St. Albans
Michael John Tilley of Portsmouth
Joan Rosina Tilley of Portsmouth
Frederick Edward James Tilley of Portsmouth
Michael Clowes of Southampton
Trevor Michael Read of Bournemouth
Sylvia Jean Ryan of Bournemouth
James Isaac Whitefield of Southend
Lilian Marie Whitefield of Southend
David Thomas Scott of Romford
Doris Evelyn Baxter of Luton
Sylvia Winifred Smith of Stevenage
Marjorie Ethel Hartley of Stevenage
James Hartley of Stevenage
Janis Maria Smith of Stevenage
Betty Margaret Rhoda Warren of St. Albans
George James Warren of St. Albans
Winifred Ada Morrison of St. Albans
Norman Victor Smith of Stevenage
Geoffrey Andrew Smith of St. Albans
Walter Henry Thomas King of Stevenage
Betty King of Stevenage
Richard Allen Honeycutt of South London
Dorothy Beatrice Tuft-Norman of South London
Jeffrey Stuart Douglas Lund of Southend
Carol Ann Lund of Southend
Hazel Margaret Lenore Lund of Southend
Phillip John David Woodthorpe of Brighton
Elizabeth Clara Brown of Bournemouth
Richard William Underwood of South London
William Scott of Romford
Lilian Marie Scott of Romford
Klaus Detlef Driemer of Basildon
Elaine Florence Mary Trist of Hyde Park
David Leonard Creighton of Bournemouth
David Robin Merton of Bournemouth
Raymond George Creighton of Bournemouth
Barry Charles Gibbs of Portsmouth
Keith John Gibbs of Portsmouth
Rosalind Moffett of Brighton
Philip Christopher Collins of Brighton
Valerie Ann Marchant of Brighton
Jillian Georgetta Moyer Collins of Brighton
Maureen Anne Gorle of Portsmouth
Jean Rosemary Light of Southampton
Angela Joy Faulkner of Southampton
Elaine Standerline-Johnson of Bournemouth
Michael John Standerline-Johnson of Bournemouth
Alan Jack White of Portsmouth
John Edward Hudson of Bournemouth
Peter Thomas Price of Catford
Lawrence Harry James Balls of Southend
John Frederick Barr of Southend
Howard Ungoed Howell of Southend
Richard William Underwood of South London
Linda Mair of South London
Susan Edwards of South London
Hilda Mair of South London
Shiela Butler of South London
Patricia Ann Lee of South London
Frances Mary Dickinson of South London
Geraldine Celia Dickinson of South London
Al Lee Weston of South London
Sheryl Faith Richards of Gravesend
Ivy Jineall Richards of Gravesend
Anthony Paul Richards of Gravesend
Mavis Daphne Austin of South London
Brenda Catherine Austin of South London
Patricia Marion Plunkett of St. Albans
David Edwin Chalk of St. Albans
Vera Ann Chalk of St. Albans
Douglas Ronald Littlechild of St. Albans
Josephine Patrice Dudley of St. Albans
Dennis James Dudley of St. Albans
Dorothy Welham of St. Albans
George Thomas Sellwood of Reading
Aida Maria Therese Stella Salvina Sellwood of Reading
Alan Burdett Davis of Hyde Park
Marion Elsie Davis of Hyde Park
Alvin Frederick Hooper Rogers of Oxford
Marguerite Denise Anderson of Bournemouth
James Arthur Boffey of Luton
Helen Sarah Boffey of Luton
Rex Lloyd Kosters of Brighton

NORWICH

Rosemunde Marguerite Greening of Cambridge
Stephen Charles West of Colchester
John Edmund Ashdown of Chelmsford
Joan Martell of Chelmsford
Julie Pitchers of Lowestoft
Shirley Ann Chase of Lowestoft
Kevin Meyriek of Colchester
Carol Angela Leeeh of Lowestoft
Janet Olive Lemmon of Cambridge

NOTTINGHAM

Ian MeDermott of Leicester
Kathleen Rhoda Tinson of Nottingham
Meralyn Cooke of Nottingham
Frederiek Andrew Draper of Nottingham
Lorna Mary Draper of Nottingham
Marilyn Astill of Hucknall
Rosemauree Sunderland of Nottingham
Audrey Nellie Handley of Hucknall
Beryl Gould of Leicester
Josephine Carol Painter of Leicester
Elizabeth Ann Heighton of Leicester
Jaequeline Valerie Clothier of Leicester
Elda Luella Fudge of Leicester
Ronald Stanley Tinson of Nottingham
Josephine Mary Murray of Nottingham
Stewart Richard Shaw of Leicester
Teresa Ann Shaw of Leicester
Bruee Riehard Jarvis of Mansfield
William Anthony, Jr., of Eastwood
Miehael Holt of Nottingham
Jennifer Holt of Nottingham
Charles Richard Cavill of Lincoln
Margaret Mary Cavill of Lincoln
June Elizabeth Taylor of Lincoln
Dorothy Violet Anthony of Eastwood

WALES

Keith Hubert Taylor of Merthyr Tydfil
Jennifer Stolzenburg of Bridgend
Lillian Barnes of Bridgend
Kitty Ryland of Merthyr Tydfil
Florence Pauline Lewis of Merthyr Tydfil
June Lynette George of Blackwood
Sandra Elizabeth George of Blackwood
Patrieia Gwen Groves of Merthyr Tydfil
Elena Groves of Merthyr Tydfil
Frank Douglas Jesse Groves of Merthyr Tydfil
Danny Miehael Thomas of Bridgend
Patrieia Joyee Thomas of Bridgend
Shirley Llewellyn of Bridgend
Margaret Llewellyn of Bridgend
Cissie Jean Whitehouse of Bridgend
Paul Samuel Howells of Pontypool
Peter Thomas Jenkins Howells of Pontypool
Susan Marjorie Worley of Swansea
Leslie Roberts of Pontypool
Jennifer May Ann Marks of Bridgend
Janiee Ann Moore of Bridgend
Roger Edgar Sayee of Bridgend
Gareth Thomas Sayee of Bridgend
Jane Elizabeth Randall of Cardiff
John Kazimierz Abasko of Blackwood
Barbara Loveday Abasko of Blackwood
Carol Bater of Swansea
Ronald James Bater of Swansea
Michael Thomas Randall of Cardiff
Philip Monkbatten Uphill of Cardiff
Lily Ann Marks of Bridgend
Lorna May Bowden of Bridgend
Peter Charles Hunt of Bridgend
Carol Davies of Merthyr Tydfil
Denise Corrin Deane of Merthyr Tydfil
Vera Hemmings of Blackwood
Bryan William Hemmings of Blackwood

North British Mission

HULL

Jean Owbridge of Hull
Olive Dawn Roberts of Grimsby
Jaekqueline Doris Cozens of Grimsby
Vera Doreen Winn of York
Sandra Grant of Scunthorpe
Miehael Alexander Todd of Scarborough
Susan Carol Harrison of Scunthorpe
Gertrude Whiting Haraker of Scunthorpe
Margaret Smith of Hull
Valerie Anne Pidd of Hull
Patrieia Rosemary Pidd of Hull
Audrey Jaekqueline Bartle of Hull
Sylvia Warton of Grimsby
Brenda Maehin of York
Shirley Grimbley of York
John Albert Porter of Scarbrough
Jean Lillian Maehin of York
Wendy Mary Harrison of Scunthorpe
Hazel Diana Harrison of Scunthorpe
Harry Shelton of York
Mary Vilena Caster of Grimsby
Joan Eugene Caster of Grimsby

IRELAND

Elizabeth Jane Gamble of Bangor
Louise Coid of Bangor
Angela Mairead Coid of Bangor
Mary Kathleen Riley of Belfast
Bertie Mitehell of Belfast
Rosena Margaret Davidson of Belfast
Kathleen Davidson of Belfast
Joan Irvine of Bangor
William James Stewart of Belfast
David Kelso Davis Croft of Belfast
Wilhelmina Harhison of Belfast
Herbert Barnes Harbinson of Belfast
Robert Harbinson of Belfast
Annie Elizabeth Smyth of Belfast
Robert Harbinson of Belfast

NEWCASTLE

Jennis Gray of West Hartlepool
Vivian Lesslie Rhymer of West Hartlepool
Iris Pearson of Sunderland
Ceeil Pearson of Sunderland
Mary Hannah Graham of West Hartlepool
Patrieia Gray of West Hartlepool
William Booth Smith of Sunderland
June Haye Smith of Sunderland
Elizabeth Nugent Stainton of Carlisle
Kathleen Phoebe Witt Ramsbottom of Carlisle
James William Metealf of South Shields
John Terenee Walsh of West Hartlepool
Alice Pattison of Sunderland
Alice Chapman of Sunderland
Ronald Chapman of Sunderland
Thomas Frederiek Thompson of West Hartlepool

PRESTON

Joan Ann Evans of Preston
Helene Evans of Preston
Sarah Clegg Newsome of Burnley
Eilene Winnifred Forkin of Burnley
Marian June Bowyer of Burnley
Brenda Irene Bowyer of Burnley
Carolyn Bowyer of Burnley
Frank Bowyer of Burnley
Raymond Eastwood of Blackburn
Miehael Albert Eastwood of Blackburn
James David Evans of Preston
Mauriee Bertram Henshall Fereday of Stoke-on-Trent
William Henry Castrey of Stoke-on-Trent
Reginald Val Emery of Stoke-on-Trent
James Arthur Stubbs of Stoke-on-Trent
Ronald Tatler of Stoke-on-Trent
Vera Tatler of Stoke-on-Trent

SCOTLAND

Margaret Lonie of Dundee
Elizabeth Lonie of Dundee
John Mitehel Lonie of Dundee
Janet Ramage Grant of Edinburgh
Gordon Stewart of Aberdeen

Sheila Stewart of Aberdeen
Glorie Stewart of Aberdeen
Henrey Lyons Grant of Aberdeen
Catherine Traynor Grant of Aberdeen
Margaret Grant of Aberdeen
Jessie Goldie of Glasgow
Margaret Hunter Forrest Manelark Welch of Edinburgh
Gordon Tennant Mair of Aberdeen
Margaret Robertson Buchan Mair of Aberdeen
George Henry Burnett Callaehan of Dundee
Josephine Johnston of Dundee
Ernest Douglas of Aberdeen
Stephen Stewart of Aberdeen
Grace Dorothy Evelyn Sykes Douglas of Aberdeen
John Smith of Dundee
Alexina MePhail Craig Simpson of Dundee

SHEFFIELD
Henry Storrs of Doncaster
Charles Alfred Mutch of Doncaster
Sharon Mary Downes of Sheffield
June Gelder of Barnsley
Sandra Gelder of Barnsley
Carol Ann Gelder of Barnsley
Patricia Barbara Booth of Sheffield
Joyce Pacey of Sheffield
Ralph Pacey of Sheffield
David Booth of Chesterfield
Phillip Booth of Chesterfield

Manchester Stake

Emma Gertrude Berry of Halifax
Marion Dyson of Huddersfield
Colin Platts of Halifax
Janet Rose Briggs of Dewsbury
Ethel Platts of Halifax
Trevor Speake of Leeds
Norma Tranter of Bradford
John Edward McDonagh of Manchester
Pamela Clare of Manchester
June Amy Thomas of Manchester
Irene Earl Stott of Manchester
Sandra Rowles of Manchester
Janet Alison Turnball of Manchester
Sidney Nowell of Manchester
Christopher Roy Biggs of Bradford
Janis Breardley of Halifax
Christopher Charles Breardley of Halifax
Marion Breardley of Halifax
Arthur Breardley of Halifax
John Stuart Aspinall of Dewsbury
Mona Aspinall of Dewsbury
Harry Aspinall of Dewsbury
Diane Williamson of Leeds
Paul Anthony Raistrick of Halifax
Carl Michael Raistrick of Halifax
Irene Raistrick of Halifax
David Albert Breardley of Halifax
Harry Rowland Keeding of Huddersfield
Doris Slyman of Leeds
Nancy Ruth Biggs of Bradford
Eva Thornton of Bradford
Peter Joseph Thornton of Bradford
Terence Thornton of Bradford
Margaret Rose Jaekson of Leeds
Ivy Lilian Sanderson of Liverpool
Margaret Ellen Phillips of Liverpool
George Phillips of Liverpool
Frank Phillips of Liverpool
Reginald Caldwell of Liverpool
Eva Johnson Caldwell of Liverpool
Ronald Keith Caldwell of Liverpool
Eileen Elizabeth Caldwell of Liverpool
Audrey Madge Sanders of Wirral
William Sanders of Wirral
Lily Debaney Grady of Liverpool
June Sheila Grady of Liverpool
Albert Edward Grady of Liverpool
Patricia May Burns of Rochdale
Eric Spiers of Manchester
Anthony Watson Smith of Oldham
Sylvia Smith of Oldham
David Thomasson of Oldham
Alan Johnson of Rochdale
David Johnson of Rochdale
Dennis Whetnall of Oldham
Carol Anne Shockledge of Oldham
Bessie Edith Craine of Oldham
Frank Blease of Oldham
Nora Mary Blease of Oldham
Janette Louise Rose of Rochdale
Nellie Livesey of Rochdale
Kenneth Rose of Rochdale
Vera Shore of Rochdale
Cendrick Tomlinson of Radcliffe
Keith Tomlinson of Radcliffe
David Joseph Tomlinson of Radcliffe
Valerie Hoyle of Rochdale
Carole Theresa Schzield of Rochdale
Andrew Martin Haigh of Oldham

Missionary Activities

British Mission

ARRIVALS :

July 5, 1960	*From*	*To*
Marjorie Helen Bronson	Murray, Utah	Bristol
Artie Lee Bronson	Murray, Utah	Bristol
Travis Byars Guest	Darlington, S.C.	Norwich
Melvin Eveson Strong	Lethbridge, Alberta	Norwich
Reed William Kener	Salt Lake City, Utah	Norwich
Richard Henry Alvord	Ontario, California	Central London
July 7, 1960		
Lawrence Kinyon Egbert	Twin Falls, Idaho	Wales
Monty Daniel Hamilton	Salt Lake City, Utah	Central London
Kleston Hart Laws	Blanding, Utah	Nottingham
George Hunter Adamson	Salt Lake City, Utah	Hyde Park
Douglas Gilbert Brown	Midvale, Utah	Hyde Park
John Brent Probst	Malad, Idaho	South London

ARRIVALS (continued)

July 9, 1960	*From*	*To*
Martha Leone Lambert	Kamas, Utah	North London
David Stewart Romney	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nottingham

TRANSFERS :

July 8, 1960	*From*	*To*
David Leon Haggerty	Hyde Park	Bristol
Ralph Glen Nelson	Hyde Park	Bristol
Louis Terry Curtis	Central London	Bristol
Elray Jenkins	Norwich	Birmingham
Margaret Rose Corcoran	South London	Bristol
Doris Anne Ireson	Bristol	South London
Michael C. Macfarlane	Hyde Park	Central London
July 12, 1960		
Nita Marlene Sorenson	Mission Office	North London
July 26, 1960		
Gerald Russell Maughan	Bristol	Norwich
Victor Lee McDaniel	Norwich	Bristol

RELEASES :

September 1, 1960	*From*	*Districts Laboured*
John Richard Nielson*	Cardston, Alberta	Norwich, Nottingham, Central London, Mission Office
Roger Burnham McFarland†	San Gabriel, Calif.	Ireland, Nottingham, Mission Office, Bristol
September 9, 1960		
Victor Joseph Burner‡	Elko, Nevada	North London, Ireland, Wales, Mission Office
Larry Arthur Tyler§	Scottsdale, Arizona	Manchester, Newcastle, Mission Office
William David Livsey¶	Salt Lake City, Utah	Newcastle, Sheffield, Ireland, Mission Office, Wales
Duane Marshall Thomas**	Glendale, Calif.	South London, North London, Norwich, Mission Office
DeVon Keetch Hirschi	St. Charles Idaho	Liverpool, Mission Office, Wales
September 19, 1960		
Leon Peterson††	Salt Lake City, Utah	Ireland, North London, Birmingham, Mission Office, Norwich
September 21, 1960		
Dwayne Louis Liddell*†	Salt Lake City, Utah	Birmingham, Wales, Norwich, Mission Office, North London
Stephen Smith Jacobsen‡‡	Salt Lake City, Utah	South London, Liverpool, Mission Office, Central London
September 23, 1960		
Randon Whittle Wilson§*	Preston, Idaho	Newcastle, Birmingham, South London, Mission Office, Plymouth

* Travelling Elder.
† Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Bristol District.
‡ Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Norwich District.
§ Bookstore Manager.
** Associate Editor of *Millennial Star*.
¶ Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Wales District.
†† Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Norwich District.
*† Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of North London District.
‡‡ Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Central London.
§* Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Plymouth District.

APPOINTMENTS :

Roger McFarland appointed Supervising Elder of Bristol District, effective July 1, 1960.
John Nielson appointed Travelling Elder effective July 8, 1960.
Leon Peterson appointed Travelling Elder effective July 8, 1960.
Maurice Barnes appointed Mission Secretary, effective July 9, 1960.
Richard Evans appointed Secretary to the President, effective July 9, 1960.
Paul Thompson appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 16, 1960.
Richard Madsen appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 16, 1960.
Victor Burner appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 16, 1960.
Dwayne Liddell appointed Supervising Elder of North London District, effective July 16, 1960.
Douglas Lawson appointed Supervising Elder of Hyde Park District, effective July 16, 1960.
Douglas Robbins appointed Supervising Elder of Norwich District, effective July 16, 1960.

North British Mission

ARRIVALS :

July 5, 1960	*From*	*To*
Alfred Paul Adams	Ogden, Utah	Leeds
Ezra Thompson Clark, Jr.	Bountiful, Utah	Newcastle
Larry Ronald Ficklin	Tremonton, Utah	Scotland
Larry Jay Larsen	Salt Lake City, Utah	Liverpool
George Earle Motc	Grants Pass, Oregon	Scotland
July 6, 1960		
David Scotts Crafts	Delta, Utah	Sheffield
Paul W. Kirkpatrick	American Fork, Utah	Ireland
Dennis Brown Chandler	Pocatello, Idaho	Ireland
Charlene Francis	Morgan, Utah	Leeds
Ada Marie Hafen	Ivins, Utah	Leeds
Robert Edward Hahne	Cedar City, Utah	Sheffield
July 9, 1960		
Richard J. Andrews	Logan, Utah	Hull
Warren Raleigh Cottrell	Fresno, California	Hull
Joseph Fielding McConkie	Salt Lake City, Utah	Manchester
Michael Joseph McIntosh	Salt Lake City, Utah	Preston
David John Payne	Seattle, Washington	Hull
Helen Ure	Los Angeles, California	Manchester
July 16, 1960		
Margaret Isabel Tonge	Manchester, England	Scotland

TRANSFERS :

June 23, 1960	*From*	*To*
Douglas D. Gordon	Sheffield	Newcastle
July 1, 1960		
Loreine Turley	Liverpool	Mission Office
July 5, 1960		
Conrad E. Michaelson	Mission Office	Ireland
July 6, 1960		
O. William Asplund	Leeds	Liverpool
David N. Barnes	Sheffield	Mission Office
Ben N. Bryce	Newcastle	Mission Office
Marvin L. Halliday	Liverpool	Preston
William L. Nicholson	Liverpool	Preston
Richard W. O'Brien	Mission Office	Preston
Edwin R. Tucker	Liverpool	Preston
Gary L. Whatcott	Liverpool	Preston

TRANSFERS (continued)

July 7, 1960	*From*	*To*
Elbert J. Eastmond	Manchester	Hull
Stanley R. Herron	Mission Office	Sheffield
Richard E. Marshall	Sheffield	Mission Office
July 10, 1960		
LuRae Woffinden	Manchester	Liverpool
July 14, 1960		
David N. Barnes	Mission Office	South Manchester
David C. Cannon	Liverpool	Scotland
Harold J. Dent	Mission Office	Leeds
Heber G. Dunn	Manchester	Hull
Jerold M. Frame	Scotland	North Manchester
Murray L. Harmon	Hull	Mission Office
David G. Loosle	Mission Office	Liverpool
Dennis T. Shunn	Scotland	Ireland
Keith B. Sorensen	Liverpool	Scotland
Neal R. Swann	Leeds	Preston
Ronald B. Walker	Leeds	Scotland
July 19, 1960		
O. William Asplund	Liverpool	Mission Office
Charlene Francis	Leeds	Scotland
Clifton K. Forsyth	Leeds	Mission Office
Larry J. Larsen	Liverpool	Preston
Edwin R. Tucker	Preston	Leeds
July 25, 1960		
Carma J. Baldwin	Mission Office	Ireland
B. Diane Moore	Leeds	Ireland

RELEASES :

	From	*Districts Laboured*
John R. Arnold	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Norwich, Liverpool, Newcastle
Lynn L. Bishop	Salt Lake City, Utah	Norwich, Scotland, Newcastle
Ben N. Bryce*	Pima, Arizona	Wales, Newcastle, Mission Office
Heber G. Dunn†	Provo, Utah	Newcastle, Manchester, Mission Office, Hull
LaDell C. Hoth	Logan, Utah	Hull, Birmingham, Manchester
Sherman C. Hunter‡	Salt Lake City, Utah	South London, Leeds, Mission Office, Newcastle
Neil L. King	Logan, Utah	Leeds, Ireland, Hull
William G. Lund	Provo, Utah	Newcastle, Ireland, Sheffield
Richard E. Marshall§	Tooele, Utah	Sheffield, Norwich, Leeds, Mission Office
Graham G. Stubbs	Salt Lake City, Utah	Liverpool, North London, South London, Newcastle, Sheffield

* Travelling Elder.
† Supervising Elder of Hull District.
‡ Travelling Elder and Supervising Elder of Newcastle District.
§ Travelling Elder, Supervising Elder of Sheffield District and Assistant to Mission President.

APPOINTMENTS :

Conrad E. Michaelson appointed Supervising Elder of the Irish District, effective July 5, 1960.
David N. Barnes appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 6, 1960.
Ben R. Bryce appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 6, 1960.
Richard W. O'Brien appointed Supervising Elder of Preston District, effective July 6, 1960.
Stanley R. Herron appointed Supervising Elder of Sheffield District, effective July 7, 1960.
Richard E. Marshall appointed Assistant to the Mission President, effective July 7, 1960.
David N. Barnes appointed Supervising Elder of South Manchester District, effective July 14, 1960.
Harold J. Dent appointed Supervising Elder of Leeds District, effective July 14, 1960.
Heber G. Dunn appointed Supervising Elder of Hull District, effective July 14, 1960.
Jerold M. Frame appointed Supervising Elder of North Manchester District, effective July 14, 1960.
Murray L. Harmon appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 14, 1960.
David G. Loosle appointed Supervising Elder of Liverpool District, effective July 14, 1960.
Keith B. Sorensen appointed Supervising Elder of Scottish District, effective July 14, 1960.
O. William Asplund appointed Mission Publications Editor, effective July 19, 1960.
Clifton K. Forsyth appointed Travelling Elder, effective July 19, 1960.

RANDON W. WILSON

JOHN R. ARNOLD

ROGER B. MC FARLAND

VICTOR J. BURNER

LEON PETERSON

GRAHAM G. STUBBS

RICHARD E. MARSHALL

WILLIAM D. LIVSEY

STEPHEN S. JACOBSEN

SHERMAN C. HUNTER

BEN N. BRYCE

LYNN L. BISHOP

JOHN R. NIELSON

HEBER G. DUNN

LADELL C. HOTH

WILLIAM G. LUND

LARRY A. TYLER

NEIL L. KING

DEVON K. HIRSCHI

DUANE M. THOMAS

DWAYNE L. LIDDELL

FAST SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

Throughout the European Mission Fast Sunday services will be conducted by the following organisations :

January	Genealogy	July	Open
February	Open	August	Primary
March	Relief Society	September	Genealogy
April	MIA	October	MIA
May	Primary	November	Relief Society
June	Sunday School	December	Sunday School

Note : February and July are open for any programme the branch desires

NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

District	*Date*	*Place*
Newcastle	October 8 - 9	Sunderland
Sheffield	October 15 - 16	Sheffield
Scotland	October 22 - 23	Glasgow
Hull	October 29 - 30	Hull
Ireland	November 5 - 6	Belfast
Preston	November 12 - 13	Burnley

Conference Theme :

" Keep Faith with your Family "

The British Missions

Upon exceeding its David O. McKay Birthday Tribute goal with 1,111 convert baptisms in the months of July and August, the British Missions sent to President McKay a Tribute Scroll signed by every missionary (page 377 of this *Star*). At the top of the Scroll was this emblem, conceived and drawn by Elder Joel Izatt.

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